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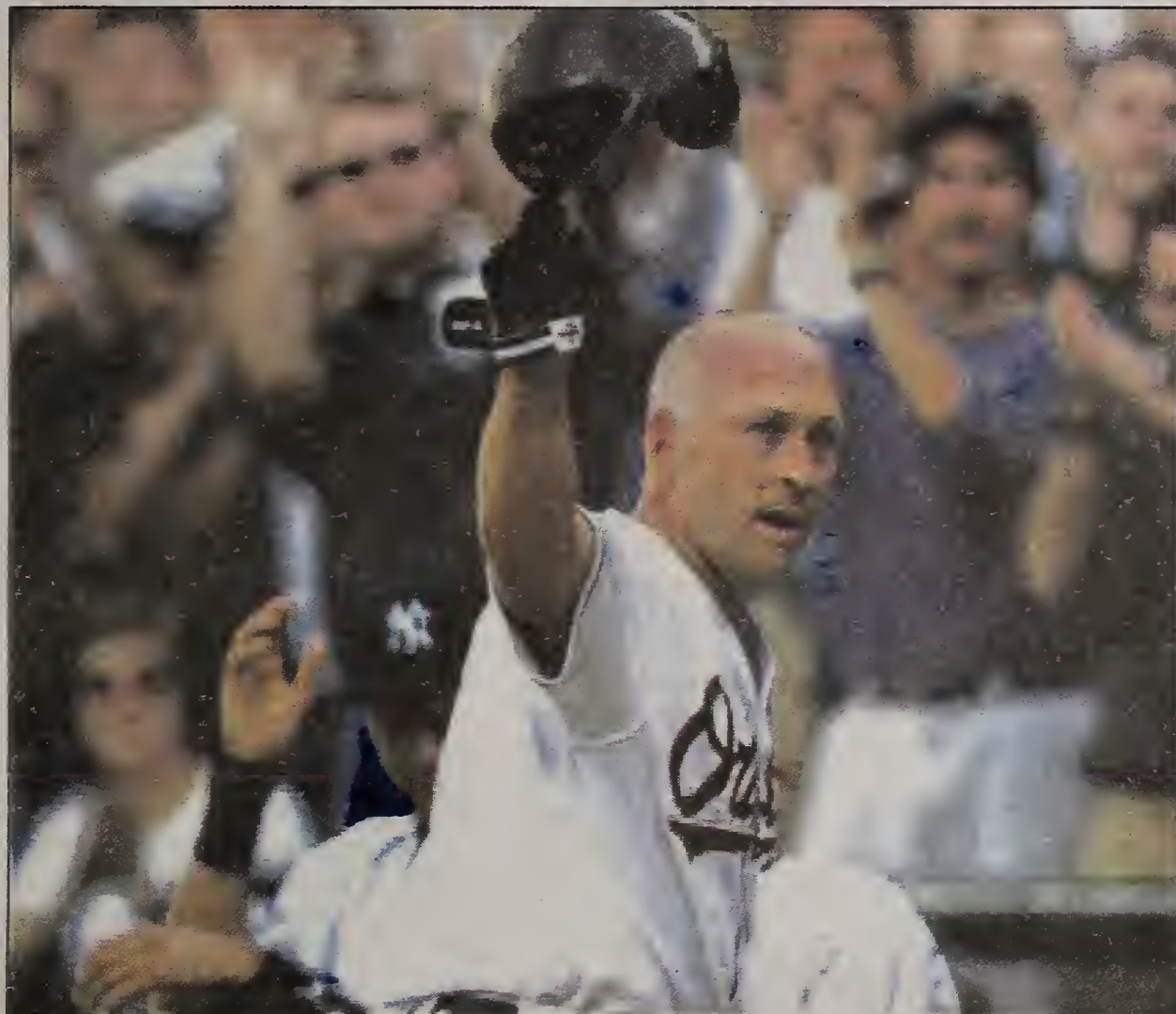
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Ripken fans at Loyola will be cheering on the Iron Man at the college's 2005 Maryland Day celebration on March 29, when Ripken, along with other "Maryland Legends" will come to campus to be honored.

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Ripken to speak at LC

BY PETE DAVIS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Loyola College announced that Baltimore hero Cal Ripken will be one of the featured honorees at this year's Maryland Day Convocation on Tuesday, March 29. Ripken will join celebrated host of ABC's "World Wide of Sports" and 1943 Loyola graduate James "Jim McKay" McManus and Baltimore revivalist pioneer Walter

Sondheim as Loyola's Andrew White Medal recipients.

In addition to these three recipients, the college will award a fourth medal to the late College President Rev. Harold Ridley, S.J. Ridley served as Loyola's president for over 10 years, leading the college to a period of exceptional growth before he died suddenly on Jan. 18, 2005.

This year's convocation, "Maryland Legends," will take

place on a Tuesday, instead of on the Friday before, March 25, which is the date that the colony of Maryland was founded. The college decided to change the date of the ceremony in order to accommodate the schedules of its guests, according to Vice President for Development and College Relations Michael Goff.

Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's all-time record for consecutive
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LC begins Relay work

BY MARY SCOTT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Loyola will host what organizers hope to be the first annual Relay for Life walk in Reitz Arena on April 16-17.

While all the details are not ironed out yet, the first meeting to organize the event will take place tomorrow in the 4th Floor Programming Room at 6:30 p.m.

The dinner will be an informational meeting to explain how people can get involved with the event and how to form teams. A relay video will be shown, and a Loyola cancer survivor will be the guest speaker.

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At a press conference last week, Baltimore mayor Martin O'Malley (left), with a representative from Governor Robert Ehrlich's office and CEO of Schools Bonnie Copeland, gave out copies of the book *African American Leaders of Maryland: A Portrait Gallery* to start a campaign between the Maryland Historical Society and Verizon Wireless. In total, 583 copies of the book will be given out to school children throughout Maryland.

Fox assumes new role

BY SEAN MCELROY
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 1, the department of Parking and Transportation was put under the direction of Tim Fox, director of the department of Public Safety. The change was made in lieu of creating a new position after Charles Riordan, formerly director of procurement and head of Transportation and Parking, was promoted to director of facilities.

Collins Downing, manager of Transportation and Parking, is primarily in charge of the shuttle system, motor pool operations and parking as it relates to the lot management.

"I think this is a really easy change and a natural fit," Downing said.

He said that the departments of Public Safety and Transportation and Parking are both campus services, have shared officers and work closely with each other. In the event of a need for additional equipment or staffing for the shuttle service, which runs almost 24 hours per day, he said that the change has given the transportation department a bigger support base.

"In addition," he said, "our drivers are another set of eyes and ears for the police department."

Fox said that while there have
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CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/GREYHOUND

Students climb on the shuttle outside of Newman Towers. Fox hopes to improve service during the hours when students use it most.

Humanities to hold keynote tomorrow

BY KRISTEN BOYLE
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow, the Humanities Symposium will bring scholar Ruthe T. Sheffey to campus on Feb. 23 to discuss this year's symposium text, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Sheffey is an English professor at Morgan State University and founder of the Zora Neale Hurston Society. She will read her speech, "Janie's Mythic Heroic Quest in *Their Eyes Were Watching God*," tomorrow, at 7 p.m. in McManus Theatre.

"Sheffey is dedicated to the author and the top scholar on Zora Neale Hurston's work," said Dan Schlapbach, director of the Symposium.

The 2005 Humanities Symposium is already underway, bringing musicians, artists and authors to Loyola's Campus to discuss the theme of "Searching for a Self." Events ranging from art exhibits to well-known blues guitarist Corey Harris have already

been held, and many more events will take place around the text and the theme.

"We chose it because it's a good read, it's interesting, exciting," said Claire Mathews McGinnis, director of the Center for the Humanities. "Different departments and disciplines can find something interesting in it."

After deciding on the text, the theme of "Searching for a Self" was chosen.

"Searching for a Self" is not about the text, it's broader. It's what we do all day and how we relate to each other," Schlapbach said.

Then the faculty in the humanities departments are able to teach the text and offer their students the opportunity to attend events based on it. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* is being taught in the theology, philosophy, history, English, communications and fine arts departments.

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Angry mourners call for revenge at funeral

Lebanese blame Syria for Prime Minister's death in bombing

BY AZADEH MOAVENI AND SORAYA SARHADDI NELSON
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS (KRT)

BEIRUT, Lebanon -- Grief turned into rage against Syria at a raucous funeral Wednesday for former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, who was killed two days earlier in a massive bombing that many believe was the work of Syria or its agents.

Shouts of "Syria, out!" and calls for revenge drowned out religious chants as tens of thousands of mourners packed city streets, a rare display against the country that holds Lebanon in a military and political stranglehold.

Mourners worried that their dreams of peace, unity and economic recovery were being buried with the self-made billionaire, who'd presided over Lebanon's renaissance after a bloody, 15-year civil war that ended in 1990.

"It took years to grow a Hariri," said Walid

Zekaa, a 32-year-old doctor who stood near the towering, unfinished mosque where the funeral was. "Now the opportunists will compete for power, and we'll fall behind again."

Hariri, 60, served three terms as prime minister but had become a key opposition leader in recent months and threatened to weaken Lebanon's pro-Syrian president, Emile Lahoud, in general elections scheduled for May. He and three other ministers had quit Lahoud's Cabinet last fall to protest a constitutional amendment that allowed the president to extend his term three years.

Organizers of Hariri's funeral told Lahoud to stay away -- and he did. French President Jacques Chirac and William Burns, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs, were among those who attended.

Hariri was killed on Feb. 14 by a massive bomb that ripped apart his motorcade while he was en route to his West Beirut mansion after meeting with journalists. At least 13 other people died and 120 were wounded.

There was no official estimate of the size of the funeral crowd, but it was the largest here since Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass in 1997. Unofficial estimates ran above 200,000.

Bodyguards and three of Hariri's sons carried his coffin out of his mansion and into a waiting ambulance thronged by supporters. Five other ambulances joined the 2-mile procession, each containing the casket of a



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The sons and family members of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri carry his coffin, shrouded in a Lebanese flag, to the Al Amin Mosque for his funeral in Beirut, Lebanon on Wednesday, Feb. 16. Thousands of people turned out to pay their respects to the former leader, who was assassinated in a bomb attack on Feb. 14.

bodyguard who was killed in the bombing.

Christians, Shiite and Sunni Muslims and Druze marched together in the procession, which ended at the Mohammed al Amin Mosque, which Hariri, a Sunni, had had built in a central Beirut square.

Church bells pealed, mingling with booming calls to Islamic prayers and the drumbeat of a military band.

Emotions raged as Hariri's coffin was lowered into the ground later near a memorial honoring the dead of Lebanon's civil war. His eldest son, Baha, grabbed a megaphone to appeal for calm.

"We don't want his last moments to be like this," he pleaded with the crowd.

Lebanese government officials offered no comment or update on the investigation into the bombing. Many here think there'll never be an official determination of responsibility, given that no such cases have been solved in three decades.

But international pressure to find Hariri's killers mounted on Lebanon's government,

including from the United States, which recalled its ambassador from Syria on Tuesday in a sign of displeasure over the assassination.

Chirac called Hariri's death "a huge loss for Lebanon and the world."

"Light must be shed on this indescribable and abominable act," he said.

Burns repeated U.S. demands that Syria butt out of Lebanese affairs.

"Mr. Hariri's death should give -- in fact it must give -- renewed impetus to achieving a free, independent and sovereign Lebanon," he said after meeting with Lebanese Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammod.

Many in Lebanon accuse Syria of being involved in Hariri's killing, which Syrian officials deny.

The only Syrian dignitary at the funeral was Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam, a close friend of Hariri. He attended only the service, and stayed away from the procession.



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Saad, son of the late Rafik Hariri (left), receives condolences from Maronite religious leader Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir at the family's home in Beirut on Feb. 15.

Shuttle has new route

The Colletgetown Shuttle began a new route on Feb. 4 that includes new stops at the Inner Harbor and Penn Station on weekends only. Shuttle service to the Inner Harbor begins at 5:15 p.m. Friday afternoon, and the last shuttle will leave the Inner Harbor at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. There is also a new online tracking system for the shuttle to minimize waiting time at the bus stop.

NEWSBRIEFS

"I think it's a good idea that it goes to the Inner Harbor now, but I wish it was closer to Fells Point so we wouldn't have to wait for cabs from there," said sophomore Megan Voyages.

SGA announces election dates

The Student Government Association has announced important dates for SGA executive elections, which will take place after students return from spring break.

Students interested in running for any elected office can pick up election materials starting tomorrow, Feb. 23. The materials must be completed and returned to Student Activities by 3 p.m. on March 2.

The campaigning period will begin on March 15, and elections will be held beginning on Monday, March 21 and go until Tuesday March 22.

SGA is expected to announce the winners of the elections by 9 p.m. that night.

Search committee seeks input

Today, the Presidential Search Committee will hold several forums that will allow the college community to give input as to what they should look for in a president and what challenges the new president is likely to face.

A session for administration and staff will be held at 10 a.m. The Loyola Conference will meet with the committee at 12:15 p.m. Faculty and Students are invited to attend a meeting at 2 and 4 p.m., respectively. All sessions except for the Loyola Conference will be held in McGuire Hall East; the Loyola Conference meets in Cohn Hall 33.

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Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Saturday, Feb. 12

Campus police were on patrol of Newman Towers and heard several loud male and female voices. Upon investigation, there was a bottle of Yuengling beer in view. The students were very cooperative and admitted to playing beer pong. The students even pointed out to the officers the beer pong rules that were posted on the wall. The following alcohol was confiscated and disposed of: two bottles of Absolut Vodka, 30 Bud Light cans and 12 bottles of Yuengling.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Campus police were on a routine patrol in the rear of Newman Towers and observed two males fighting beside a Diamond Cab Company cab. One was cursing at the cab driver and yelling and screaming. He was asked to calm down and began to call him names, and said he was going to "murder" the person who asked him to calm down. The fight began when the students refused to pay and the driver became very violent, trying to punch them through a glass window. Medics arrived to the scene, and a student was transported to the hospital.

Thursday, Feb. 17

An officer responded to a noise complaint coming from Newman Towers West. The officer found the door open, and upon entering noticed the bedroom was torn apart. The mirror also appeared to have been struck with something hard over three times. The noise complaint was made after someone heard loud noises, banging and things breaking. When they knocked on the door, it was answered by a student in drunken state.

-Compiled by Mary Scott

Conference approves plan

By CHELSEA HADDAWAY
NEWS EDITOR

Presiding over her first meeting since being named the interim vice president of Academic Affairs, Anne Young led the Loyola Conference in approving the college's Plan for Assessment and Continuous Improvement, as well as discussing and accepting three sections of the Periodic Review Report.

Despite some discussion of the plan's timelines and the school's ability to meet them, the Plan for Assessment and Continuous Improvement -- which was last discussed in December -- was accepted with the condition that it could later be edited.

"Unlike the Periodic Review Report, this will be something we will come back to and

revisit," Young said.

Three sections of the Periodic Review Report were also approved by the Conference. The enrollment and finance trends and projections, assessment processes and plans and institutional planning and budgeting processes sections were all approved with minimal discussion from the committee, after Young urged them to use the plan as a way of putting into words the late Rev. Harold Ridley's plans for the college.

"It may help in the healing process. It's a way of reflecting on his vision of Loyola, which is in here so much," she said.

The full report will be approved at the next meeting on March 22 and sent to the board of trustees before being sent to Middlestates in May.

Fox hopes to help efficiency

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been no radical changes to operations as of yet, the reporting scheme is different. Downing now reports to Fox, who reports to Terry Sawyer, the vice president of administration. The change is part of an effort to begin to consolidate the various administrative branches that address the needs of the college.

Fox said that his expectations of parking and transportation may be different than his predecessor, but he is concerned with improving the system as a whole. The specific areas he will attempt to improve include: ridership, the effectiveness of routes, shorter transportation turnaround times and less waiting time.

To improve service, Fox said he encourages feedback from students and

would like to set up an on-campus forum whereby students, faculty and administration can give suggestions and voice any concerns they may have.

He said that the demands placed on the transportation system change throughout the day. While it is mostly faculty, staff and administration who utilize college transportation in the early morning and late afternoon to get to and from satellite parking areas to the college, it is primarily students who use the shuttles throughout the day and at night.

Fox points to increased efficiency as the overarching goal to better address the needs of riders.

"The main drive for us," Fox said, "is to move students safely from point A to point B."



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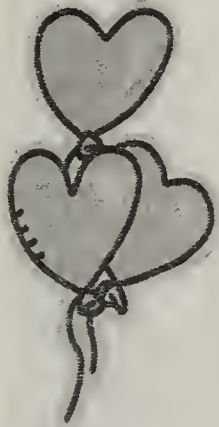
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IN THEATRES FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

OAE to hold outings in spring

By JESSICA SCIALDONE
STAFF WRITER

This semester, the Outdoor Adventure Experience has resumed, and students and faculty are invited to participate in a variety of trips that will be offered throughout the remainder of the semester.

Last semester left thrill-seekers disappointed when the former director, Ken McVearry, unexpectedly resigned. Now, the organization is back in full force, headed by a new director and ready to kick off some exciting excursions this spring.

With the concept of experiential learning as a foundation, participants have found it to be worthwhile.

"[It's] one of the best decisions I've ever made regarding college," said freshman Michelle Ernst.

Students can choose from a variety of outings, ranging from kayaking the waters of Pennsylvania's Youghiogheny River, hiking the Adirondack Mountains and camping in New Jersey's Pine Barons. The program is also offered as an annual pre-orientation activity for freshmen.

"We're pumped," senior leader

Bob Pirone said.

The focus lends itself to a different kind of learning: It allows students to take a breather from every day academic life and gain new perspective.

Students don't have to have previous experience; in fact, leaders say that the group dynamic actually works best when people from every skill level participate.

Even some of the leaders had minimal experience prior to getting involved in the program. Pirone

laughed as he remembered his days of Boy Scouts, which he refers to as "wimp-scouts" after his four years in OAE.

Senior team leader Derek Baumgardner explained the goal of the program is, "to take the woods as a tool and take the group of strangers to build a community."

For specific trips being offered this semester, students are encouraged to visit the OAE office.

Other legends honored

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games played, spent his whole career in the Baltimore Orioles organization before retiring in 2001.

While maintaining a close relationship with Loyola, McKay revolutionized the sports television industry. He has been a fixture at over 10 Olympics, including being the first sports announcer to ever win an Emmy for his coverage at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Sondeim, who is 96 years old, has been a prominent Baltimore public servant for over 50 years and led the campaign of the renewal of the Inner Harbor.

Loyola will also honor two graduates with the Alumni Laureate Awards for their dedication and service to the college.

Charles Meagher a 1945 graduate, has served as the president of the alumni association and has been a prominent donor and supporter of the athletic department for many years.

Mary Ann Scully, who received her MBA from Loyola in 1979, is currently the CEO of Howard Bank and served on the Sellinger School's board of sponsors for five years.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Blues guitarist Corey Harris performed in McGuire Hall last Saturday night as part of the Humanities Symposium.

Teachers find themes within Hurston's book

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is an in-depth discussion between different disciplines where a panel of three professors from different departments lead a discussion on the various aspects of the text, enabling their students to hear different interpretations.

Their Eyes Were Watching God is a story about a black woman, Janie Starks, who is trying to find her own voice while living in Florida during the early 1930s.

"*Their Eyes Were Watching God* is an underappreciated text. Zora Neale Hurston's work had been forgotten until Alice Walker, the author of *The Color Purple*, rediscovered it in the 1960s," Schlapbach said.

One of the requirements of the Symposium text is that it is accessible to a variety of the humanities departments. Arthur Sutherland, a theology professor, is teaching it in his honors class and African-American Religious Thought. Sutherland recommended the novel for the theology

department's common text last year, which led to its appointment as the Symposium's text this year.

"In my African-American Religious Thought class, we'll be discussing three ideas: marriage and friendship, pride and power, and good and evil," Sutherland said.

"I'd expect the English department to discuss Hurston's masterful literary phrasing and her place at the end of the Harlem Renaissance and for sociology to look at migration and communications to focus on her use of vernacular language," he said.

Information on the other activities planned, including an art exhibit and a play being preformed by the Evergreen Players and Loyola College Jazz Band, can be found at www.loyola.edu/symposium.

"The Symposium is an opportunity for students to experience the real joy of learning across the disciplines," McGinnis said.

Relay is first for LC

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"We have gotten a really, really good response," said freshman Frank O'Driscoll, who will serve as the committee chair. "We've been contacted by lots of people in the Loyola community, asking how they can be involved in this, and all of that information will be explained at the kick-off rally Wednesday night."

While the actual walk will be held in Reitz Arena, different areas of the student center will be used throughout the night. Entertainment will be in McGuire Hall, and there will be a survivor reception in one of the programming rooms prior to the opening ceremonies.

"Originally we wanted to have an all-Baltimore relay, with representatives from all five colleges in it," O'Driscoll said. Representatives from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, UMBC, Morgan State and possibly MICA will be in attendance.

The committee, which consists of about 40 people, has been planning the relay since late October and is hoping to bring in about \$25,000. Each team usually

brings in between \$500 and \$1000.

"We set the goal pretty low, but I think we'll do more than that ... once the event is closer it will be easier to gauge how many teams are coming and how much money we will earn," O'Driscoll said.

This year marks the 20th anniversary for Relay for Life, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society dedicate to finding a cure. It is the fastest growing event in the world to help achieve that goal.

O'Driscoll started working with the event during high school and wanted to bring it to Loyola because he has family members whose lives have been affected by the disease.

"My mom is an eight-year breast cancer survivor, and my grandfather passed away from cancer about three years ago," O'Driscoll said.

O'Driscoll and his committee have been working with Donna McGuinness, dean of First-Year Students and Academic Services and Jean Lombardi from the health center closely to make this event happen.

O'Driscoll is confident that the relay will be a success.

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— THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Preserving safety at LC

During the first two months of the year, the city of Baltimore and the neighboring areas surrounding Loyola College have seen an increase in violent crime. Even though overall crime in Baltimore has seen a decline, in the month of January alone, 38 murders occurred. This is a number so alarming that it has garnered national attention, evidenced by a front-page article in *The New York Times* earlier this month.

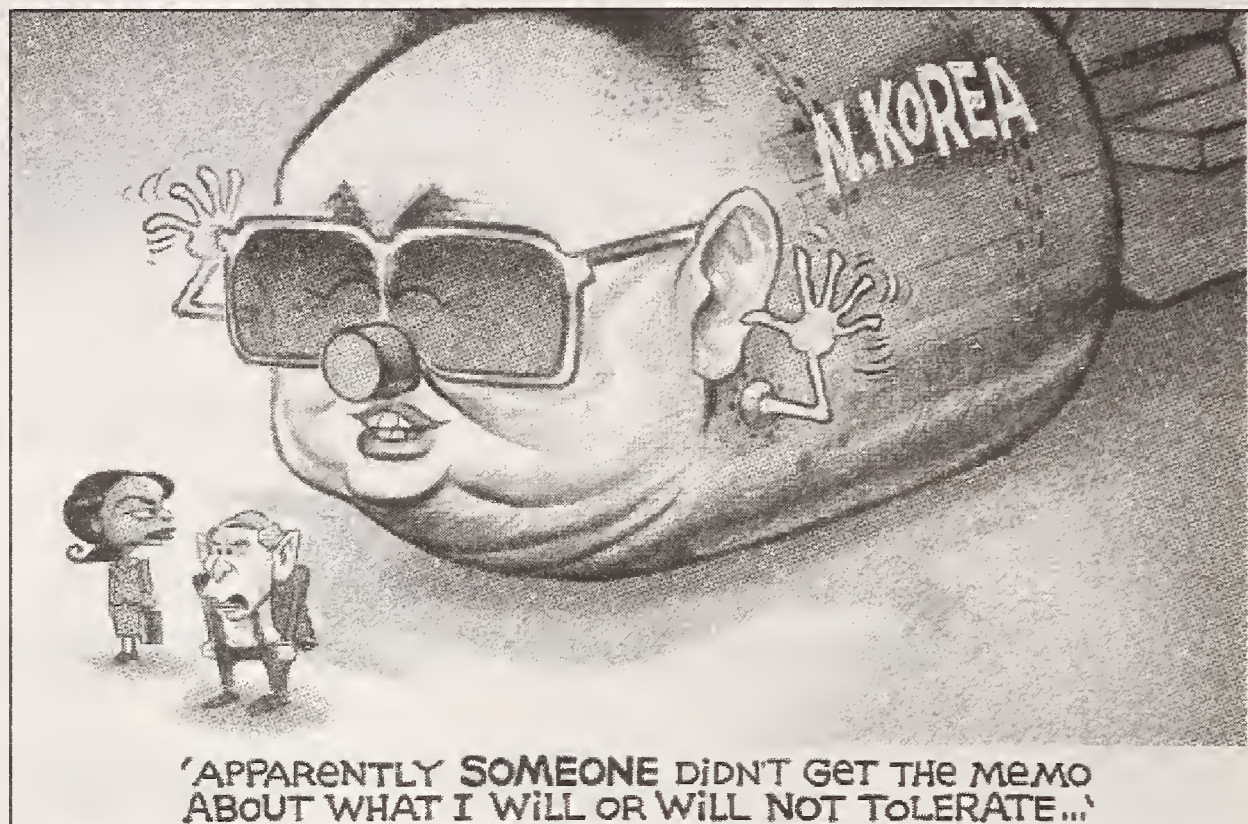
More specifically during this period, violent crimes near neighboring colleges including John Hopkins and Towson State University have taken place on or around their campuses. Three weeks ago, a story ran in this publication about the murder of a Johns Hopkins student in her home near the campus. Just last week a Towson student was raped in her apartment near the school. Most recently, the dean of faculty at St. Paul's High School in Brookdale, Md., was shot and killed right outside the Towson Town Center, a frequent destination of Loyola students.

While Loyola students generally feel that our campus is extremely safe, and these types of incidents will not happen here, it is important to recognize that as Loyola students we are not immune to these instances. Our college is located in one of the most dangerous big cities in the country. In addition, students often travel through the dangerous areas of the city on their way downtown for a night out, and they must be aware of the potential for these things to occur.

We applaud the college, specifically Public Safety, for their extensive efforts to keep this campus safe, and we are encouraged by the lack of major criminal incidents that have taken place at Loyola. With the rise of these major incidents in close proximity to the school, we urge the college to continue their hard work in protecting the students, who may not always take the best precautions over their safety.

But most importantly, we urge the students to be more vigilant of their environment and work with the college in order to prevent any of these major incidents from occurring within our community. The best way to avoid these incidents is for students to make a more conscious and concerted effort to avoid potentially dangerous situations and to report any suspicious activity immediately. While no absolute guarantee, preparation and diligence by the Loyola community can be a formidable defense against crime that plagues our city and neighborhoods.

■ Mutually assured hilarity



Becoming people of character

We live in a bubble; there's just no getting around it. We work, eat, live and play with people who are in our age group and, on some level or another, share our interests

JASMINE JENKINS

and passions. For nine months out of the year, we have our own little island. While this island allows for brief moments of exposure to the realities of life beyond 4501 North Charles St., it generally shelters us from the outside world.

For most of us, real-life responsibilities and consequences are often distant, even foreign concepts.

Unfortunately, living in this bubble tends to negatively affect our perspective on life in general and can be a detriment to our development as productive members of society. I am primarily concerned with the lack of character that becomes more and more apparent to me the more time I spend in college.

It seems that Loyola students, and college students in general, have accepted a lower standard of integrity as what is "normal," and

therefore see no need to look beyond it. Certainly, we have no problem developing certain aspects of ourselves. Intellectually, we grow by taking part in an academic community. And in terms of being men and women for others, we give time and resources to help those who are less fortunate.

At the same time, however, many of us have lost the abilities of self-reflection, self-critique and moral sensibility in the name of just "having a good time." Our social activities -- which are rarely limited to just the weekends -- often involve ethically questionable and even illegal activities.

Once those in authority do question our actions, we so often fail to recognize the lack of integrity in them, using the excuse that others around us have done the same without getting caught.

I am so often amazed by the sense of entitlement that overcomes so many students. No one has a right to break the law, but so many college students do without hesitation. More than this, the very people who break the rules of this institution as well as

the law get angry when they have to face the consequences (most of which are not nearly as severe here as they are outside of this bubble).

Frederick Douglass once said, "Character is the important thing, and without it we must continue to be marked for degradation and stamped with the brand of inferiority."

When I think of the kinds of degradation that we have allowed ourselves to be exposed to on a weekly and even daily basis, I often wonder why college students have ignored the need for character. We all have to take responsibility for holding ourselves to a higher standard.

I understand that we have not yet arrived at the point of being fully developed adults, so problems, mistakes and bad decisions are inevitable, but life is about choices. We choose to take part in actions that will either help or harm the process of becoming fully developed adults.

For now, we live in a bubble, but we must take this short time that we have been given and use it to make ourselves men and women of character.

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On the Quad

Do you feel safe on Loyola's campus?

By CHRISTINA SANTUCCI



"It depends -- most of the time."

Teresa Cavallaro '08
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"I never really thought about it -- I guess I kinda feel safe."

Matt Basirico '06
Psychology



"Yes I do, I feel very safe."

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"Yeah I feel safe on campus, there's always police."

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"I always see campus police around, even though sometimes you wish they weren't there."

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U.S. should tread carefully in Lebanon

On Monday, Feb. 14, former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri was killed along with 13 others by a suicidal car bomber. Thus far, the Syrian government is considered to be a prime suspect. Most believe Damascus was involved in the attack in some form.

Soon after the bombing, the United States withdrew its ambassador to Syria, Margaret

DANVERDEROSA

Scobey, and President George W. Bush remarked that Syria was "out of step" with other Middle Eastern countries (not to nitpick, but since when is terrorism "out of step" in the Middle East) and declared America's commitment to the removal of Syrian troops from Lebanon.

While the assassination of Hariri was a reprehensible act, the Bush administration was perhaps too quick to act in recalling its ambassador. It is in times of crisis such as these that dialogue is important, and ambassadors are important tools of communication between governments.

By recalling Scobey from Lebanon, the president may have done damage to Syrian perceptions of America's willingness to solve the situation diplomatically. It also created American involvement in a purely Middle Eastern crisis. If this is the case, the chances that this crisis could escalate to military action will have been seriously increased, presumably against the wishes of all parties involved.

Nevertheless, Lebanon is an often overlooked but important nation in the Middle East. It will likely play a major part in establishing peace between Israel and the Arab world. It is also home to Hezbollah, one of the largest militant Muslim groups in

the world. While considered by many nations -- including the United States -- to be a terrorist organization, it is also considered a legitimate political party in the Middle East and other parts of the world. If the United States is serious about carrying out the full goals of the "War on Terror" and establishing a lasting peace in the Middle East, it will sooner or later be forced to deal with Lebanon and either deal with Hezbollah militarily as it has done with al-Qaeda or recognize their legitimacy as a political party since it holds seats in the Lebanese legislature.

Lebanon could also play an important role in the shaping of the Iraqi government, whose members were only recently elected. The population of Lebanon has some striking similarities with that of Iraq and the Iraqis could use the Lebanese Constitution as a template for their own. Iraq has three main ethnic groups among its population -- Sunni Muslims, Shi'a Muslims and Kurds. Getting these three groups to coexist in a republican government is a great challenge. The Lebanese government's structure, however, may provide a solution. Lebanon also has three main ethnic groups -- Sunni Muslims, Shi'a Muslims and Maronite Christians. Under the Lebanese Constitution, the president must be a Maronite, the prime minister a Sunni and the speaker of the legislature a Shi'a. This system provides a place in government for each group, giving representation to all, and perhaps it could be successfully implemented in Iraq.

The Lebanese government, however, has not been able to run unimpeded for years because of Syrian interference. This is why American pressure on Syria is a worthwhile venture, although direct American involvement may be unadvised. Since 1990,

Lebanon has been occupied by Syrian forces, and the president must have the backing of the Syrian government. Lebanon is in effect a de facto vassal state of Syria. The removal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and the return of Lebanese autonomy would allow the government to act unhindered and shed some light on how smoothly such a government could run in the modern Middle East.

It should be noted that negative feelings towards Syria are not universal, and there are those who suspect another type of foul play in Hariri's assassination. Lebanese lawyer and political activist Bushra al-Khalil has stated her belief that the assassination was committed by foreign actors and was to be used as an impetus for the removal of Syrian troops, the same demand now being heard from Washington.

Her opinion may be widely held in the Middle East, meaning the United States would be wise to tread carefully. Otherwise it may look like it is interfering in the crisis for less than altruistic reasons, or even worse, that America was in some way connected to the bombing.

The best course of action for the Bush administration would be to continue applying pressure on Syria (although they may have already applied too much) and wait for an international inquiry on the assassination to take place.

For the sake of not only public opinion but American security interests, the United States should leave this matter to the United Nations and Middle Eastern states. Lebanon, like much of the Middle East, is a question mark in American foreign policy, and direct American involvement in Middle Eastern affairs, especially with the current situations in Iraq and Iran, might make the United States more enemies than friends.

Opinion and fact: There's a difference

I believe that some of *The Greyhound's* readers need to make a distinction between "opinion" and "fact."

"Fact" would be the article that ran on the front page of *The Greyhound* on Feb. 8 regarding SGA President KellyCrossett's

opinion is *The Greyhound's* opinion.

Clearly the two students who wrote the letters I mentioned do not realize these things and threw around serious terms such as "tabloid," "bias," and "libelous." I don't know if they realize how serious those words are to journalists. Those are the kind of words that ruin careers, and it is unfortunate that both students seem somewhat ignorant of their meanings.

One of the students called both the story about the party and Nick's article (which, remember, are two very different things) "tabloid fodder." The other likened *The Greyhound* to *The Star*, an infamous tabloid publication.

Um, last time I checked, the story wasn't about a devil baby being sighted at the party and then escaping with Bigfoot in a U.F.O. This is a newspaper. Its job is to report stories that have an impact on the Loyola College community. Crossett is a community figure because of her political position; thus, anything that may have an impact on her job or her character makes a story that deserves to be put in print. A party at a student residence where there are minors consuming alcohol after paying a cover charge is not an unusual occurrence here on campus, I'll admit. But because it was Ms. Crossett throwing it, it makes a good story. Sorry, but that's how journalism works.

It's the person, not the incident, which sometimes makes a story newsworthy. Choking on a pretzel is not newsworthy. President Bush choking on a pretzel is (and is also, in my opinion, very amusing).

So that's why the editors' decision to run the story was not one that makes this publication worthy of the reputation as a tabloid.

Now, on to Nick's article; I don't

necessarily agree with every thing he said in it, but believed it was very well-written and told him so. As for my personal opinion on the issue of Crossett's party, I believe the story is newsworthy, but I do not believe it is enough to cause a change in SGA leadership. After all, bringing legal music downloading to campus is quite the accomplishment, and I commend Crossett for it. I also commend the SGA for bringing successful venues such as Chris Carrabba and Straylight Run to campus for Loyolapalooza, and I believe doing so redeems them for their failure to book a band for the fall concert (which, to be fair, was not Crossett's fault).

That's my opinion. Now does that mean that because I somewhat support the SGA that *The Greyhound* does? No, but it also doesn't mean that *The Greyhound* is biased against the SGA just because Nick wrote an anti-SGA article. The students who wrote those two letters should acquaint themselves with the difference between the bias of an individual and the bias of a publication.

Finally, I believe the most serious thing one of these students did was call Nick's article "libelous." Libelous? Are you kidding me? Using that term to describe a journalist and his work is not a laughing matter. That kind of thing destroys one's credibility and reputation, and, difference of opinion aside, it was entirely unfair of that student to label Nick and his article as such.

In the end, I guess it was to be expected that the story about Crossett's party and Nick's article would generate a lot of criticism. That's just how it goes for writers and journalists, I guess. It's not a pretty job, but, whether you agree with our articles or not, someone's got to do it.

BRIAN McCARTHY



DELICIOUSLY INTENSE

party. The editors who ran the story acknowledged that they did not have all the facts but as many as they could get, which they then verified and published.

So was Crossett wrong in throwing that party? That is a matter of opinion. It seems, judging from the letters to the editor in last week's issue, that some people are of the opinion that she did nothing wrong. Others, such as my colleague and personal friend Nick Brown, are of the opinion that she was wrong to throw the party. He wrote a column in the Opinions section stating so. This was his opinion. This was not fact.

Now, you may be wondering why I keep repeating opinion over and over again. I am doing so because I think some readers, especially two who wrote rather scathing letters about Nick's article in last week's issue, don't know about the distinction I mentioned before between "opinion" and "fact."

Just because Nick Brown or any other opinions writer, including myself, says something does not mean that it is fact. It also does not mean, in any sense, that our

It's not always the end of the world

It's getting to be that time. It's 50 degrees, I've been too lazy to shave for the last week, I'm starting to look for summer jobs, and pitchers and catchers are reporting to

NICK BROWN



BACKAWAYSLOWLY

spring training (I can almost smell that "light-at-the-end-of-the-tunnel" scent of leather mixed with fresh-cut grass). Personally, I'm in quite the lazy mood. The

last couple weeks have worn me out. This week, I wanted my writing to reflect my mood -- lighthearted and sort of stupid.

I often get the question, "So, Nick, does anything make you happy, or do you just spend every minute hoping that everyone dies and you become king of the world? Are you interested in anything besides being liberal and hubristically bashing the New York Yankees? Or is that 'edgy arrogance' thing you've got going pretty much all your pathetic life consists of?"

As a matter of fact, I have plenty of less passionate, more jovial aspects of my life. They just have no business being published. After all, I'm not passionate about them.

But I suppose I could make an exception this week. Here are some things I kind of

like, but not really, or don't really like, but kind of do:

For one thing, I sort of like "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." You hear a lot of people quote that show like it's the Bible. I like it, but it's no "South Park."

I also sort of think it's ridiculous that Boulder doesn't have any weekend hours. I mean come on; if you're from Butler or Hammerman, how are you supposed to eat on weekends? Oh wait -- who cares; they're freshmen.

I hear a lot of people talk about how thefacebook.com is the devil. I moderately agree -- but it's got its good points, too. For example, if it wasn't for the Facebook, I wouldn't be nearly the stealthy stalker I am today. Now, there's not a girl within 100 miles whose picture I can't look at, whose cell phone number I can't access and then write down in my little black book and then call at 3:30 a.m. but lose my confidence right at the beep and just start breathing really heavily into the speaker before finally saying, "You look beautiful when you're asleep," and then quickly hanging up ...

OK, moving on. Instant Messenger -- that's another one people seem to either love or hate. I'm somewhere in the middle. While it's very annoying to be interrupted every 18 seconds with that damn "ding" that makes me want to gouge my own eye out like popular hip hop star and recently-confirmed schitzo Houston, it is nice to be able to read various lists people have posted in away messages and stuff. You know, it's entertaining, that's all. I'm not judging.

Other things I'm middle-of-the-road on: I'm not ecstatic with the amount I get paid at my work-study job in the English department, but I'm not about to complain to anyone about it. It's a good time, really. I sit at a table and listen to teachers whine about this or that colleague, and then I immediately tell my boss what I heard, who undoubtedly relays the information to the disliked individual, and within three hours, all hell has broken loose in the department.

They give me \$5.50 an hour to do that.

All right, enough with this so-so crap. By now you're all wondering if there's anything

"If you're from Butler or Hammerman, how are you supposed to eat on weekends? Oh wait -- who cares; they're freshmen."

— Nick Brown

about this school I'm actually *happy* with. Or perhaps I just *hope* that's what you're wondering because I have a tragically large inferiority complex that I mask with claims of superiority. In any case, the answer is yes, and here are a few of them:

Dr. Brian Murray: For everyone that has ever heard him say, "Let me ask you this," or, "How would you like to make some quick and easy cash?" you know why his presence at Loyola is integral. I've seen him knock over defenseless women in the hallways without even realizing it. I'm not kidding; I've seen him do it like four times. He's 6 foot 9, and he has an afro, but miraculously, he is as white as they get.

Midnight Breakfast: Remember when you were a freshman, and you actually attended this failure of an attempt at sober weekends? The French toast, I've decided, is almost certainly made of fiberglass, and the sausages are, I think, solidified dog crap reheated. Nevertheless, something about being there with your friends, after doing God knows what for the last three hours, really takes the edge off (like drugs).

I also like the prices at the bookstore, because every time I buy books, I suffer another heart attack, and what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger.

The list goes on, but alas, I've reached that 800-word plateau, and if I write anymore, I'll get fired. And I can't think of anyone who would ever want to see that happen.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Once upon a time, Boulder Garden Cafe was open on the weekends to feed the hordes of hungry freshmen, but its closing has only garnered indifference from this columnist.



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"Last Comic Standing," not a laughing matter

I was present at the "Last Comic Standing" and discovered that it was not all laughs. Many of the comedians found that making fun of themselves was the way to win the audience and the judges' affection, but some saw that making fun of others was the way to win. I realize that many professional comedians take the latter approach, but I do not find it appropriate for students, who are among their peers, to do the same. In the student "comedians' ignorance, people with cancer and drinking and driving, among others, were attacked. These two subjects hit close to home for many students I have talked to.

I, for one, had to leave in the beginning of Mr. Valentine's comedic act when he joked about cancer patients. I must congratulate him for a close to perfect presentation of my father during his sickness. Not only did he speak as my dad did (because of his trach-tube) but he also seemed to know that cancer patients need some kind of comedy in their life by pointing out how beginning comedians perform in cancer wards in the hospital. As soon as Mr. Valentine's hand went over his throat to imitate the voice, I saw my dad dying in our family room and immediately had to leave.

Although I cannot say that I agree that Mr. Valentine deserved to win the contest, I am sure that the judges, composed mostly of those that he will be graduating with,

had good judgment. I also am not trying to bash Mr. Valentine but instead am using him as an example to others.

Meredith Jones '06
Education

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Loyola Look-Alikes

By Nick Barbera

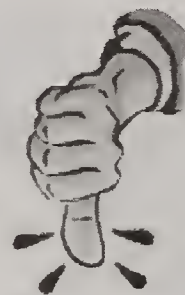


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Hello Ladies. The Nickster is back from his two month hiatus with some ladies from his favorite show (Rainbow Bright). I think they should dress like this when I take them out this weekend. This pair of lovely ladies gets an 8.5 in my book. In other news, the Nickster has no opinion in regards to the recent coverage of the SGA president's birthday bash. He is just jealous that he was not invited to the party.

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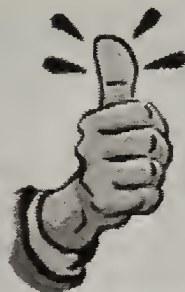
THUMBS BY PHIL LEVERRIER AND RICK KOLETAR



Advil Cold and Sinus — Just count how many times someone coughs, sneezes or sniffles in any of your classes, and you'll realize that everyone is getting sick. The people who aren't making gross noises are the people taking some form of quality pharmaceutical product. Some may choose alternatives, but this is one of the few meds that requires only one pill per dose. The side effect of lightheadedness starts out annoying but can be a benefit after a while ... especially in philosophy class. Also, don't forget to set your alarm after downing half a bottle of Nyquil.

Impromptu jam sessions — Believe it or not, there are some talented musicians on this campus. Cracking open your guitar case, or even your little sister's oboe, and playing with someone else is sure to draw a small crowd and even put a smile on that cute girl's face. Remember in all those cool movies about colleges where people sit around and play music? It actually happens sometimes in real life. So if you are even remotely talented at playing the pan flute or are one of the classical guitar majors at Loyola, ask a friend to kick out the jams.

Unexpected pleasant weather -- Disregarding the occasional shower, the weather has been pretty mild, which is more than what we could ask for compared to the President's Day snowstorm two years ago. The mud has hindered some activities, but Frisbees have been flying and T-shirts have been around throughout the last two weeks. Let's just hope we can get a regular dose of 65-degree weather until the summer arrives.



The NHL — For the minority of sports fans who actually enjoy watching Canucks skate around on a frozen pond with a black, rubber disc, we are all sorely disappointed. For the older players, this may be the not-so-glamorous end of a career, and for younger players, it could mark a nice vacation to Europe. On a lighter note, Tie Domi will not have any misdemeanor assault charges pending this spring.

Primo's radio -- Why play Michael Bolton on loop when there is a perfectly good radio station directly across the street? There are regular shout-outs to Primo's workers, but apparently they aren't reaching past the front door of Bellermino. If we are going to listen to music we might not necessarily want to hear, it might as well be programmed by students. Besides, there's nothing like a stromboli and some Stones while sitting in the dimly lit, yet romantic setting of Primo's cafeteria.

CM department's rumored move -- Many of the department's students are frowning upon the possibility of the communication department moving to Newman Towers. The Humanities building has come to be the department's identity -- from the odd spiral staircase and confusing building layout to its efficient location right in the middle of campus. Having to trek over to Newman to meet with an advisor would become tedious in no time; not to mention there doesn't seem to be any foreseeable way that the first floor of Newman could ever look as nice as Humanities. Stay where you are communications ... we like you there.

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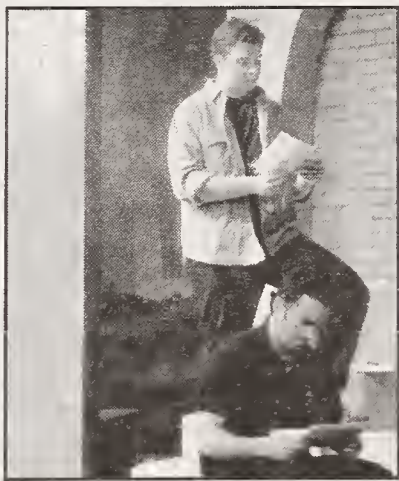
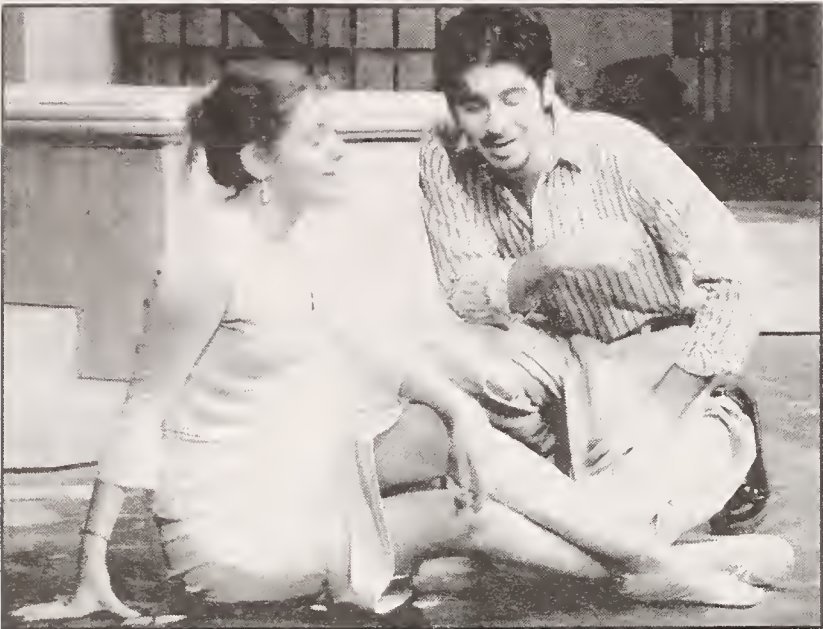
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(Clockwise from top left) Lysander and Hermia, played by Matt Eduardo ('06) and Alison Koentje ('08), lie down for their midsummer night's rest; Miguel Peschiera ('07) and Erin Gloth ('06) celebrate in royal embrace as the King and Queen of Fairies; Dan Procaccini ('08) and Pat King ('05) read up on their roles as Wall and Thisbe for the play within the play; under a love spell, Kevin Hughes ('08) and Eduardo swoon over the lovely Helena, portrayed by Brittany Ellwanger ('08).

Evergreen Players contemporize the Bard

By **BRENDAN NOWLIN**
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

It's pretty safe to assume that not every director, after digesting the text of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, would think to contemporize the play by placing it on the set of a soap opera.

Dr. Charlie Mitchell of the Loyola College Theatre depart-

ment decided to take that route in directing *Midsummer*, which opened last Friday at McManus Theatre.

"I'm very bored by classic, Elizabethan, let's-do-it-like-Shakespeare-did kind of performances," Mitchell said. "As I was looking over the text -- because I think all these artistic decisions arise out of the text -- I

found that the lovers are so overwrought; they're so melodramatic before melodrama even existed.

"I knew I wanted to contemporize it, so I thought, 'OK, what form would fit that?' and soap opera seemed like a logical choice."

Logical or not, the choice proved to be a clever one, and the show is quite enjoyable.

There is always a tough wall to climb over when working with Shakespeare -- whether it is in acting it, interpreting it or simply reading it. To then make the decision to change the context of the original play to a soap opera presents a challenge to everyone involved.

The plot of the show is, in typical Shakespeare fashion,

convoluted but entertaining. Hermia, Lysander, Helena and Demetrius (in Mitchell's version, all cast members on "Athens General," a television show on ABC -- the Athenian Broadcasting Company) are tangled up in a web of love. Lysander and Demetrius (played by junior Matt Eduardo and freshman Kevin Hughes,

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Keanu Reeves serves up some hellish sci-fi in *Constantine*

By **KEVIN DUGAN**
MOVIE CRITIC

Rating:
4 of 7 Dugans

While *Constantine* brings no incredible new theme or revelation to the big screen, the portrayal of the story is actually pretty gosh darn good. The acting does not churn any feelings of malevolence

or resentment deep inside of me, which would not be atypical in a Keanu Reeves movie. If not for anything else, that mere fact alone can qualify *Constantine* as a success.

John Constantine (Keanu Reeves) is a brute renegade crusader who deals with sending demons back to hell on a regular basis. In his encounters, he begins

working with a detective (Rachel Weisz) who has stumbled into the occult through her sister's suicide. Together they discover and thwart a terrifying plan of someone trying to take over the destiny of the world and all the souls of earth.

Constantine was originally a DC comic book. Not the typical superhero, John Constantine is pretty much a normal guy, except for his being able to see the angels and demons on earth. Other than that unique power and the life-threatening hobby of chain-smoking, Constantine is really just a simple badass trying to buy his way into heaven by killing a bunch of demons.

While the comic book is loved by comic aficionados, the film is coming under fire from the same fanatics for changing some of the comic's basics.

Some examples are that Constantine has brown hair instead of blonde and the setting is in Los Angeles instead of London. What these 3rd level wizard dungeon masters need to realize though is that these changes are always necessary for

transitioning print to film, and *Constantine* actually does a great job of it.

Reeves and Weisz make a very believable duo as far as killing demons is concerned. Even though Keanu has always had some trouble displaying emotions or feelings appropriately in past roles, this one is perfectly cut out for him, and not even he could screw it up. Weisz as well seems to have been a good fit for the role of psychic detective in *Constantine*. She has already dealt with the spooky and undead in *The Mummy* and *The Mummy Returns*, so I suppose it was an easy transition to make.

Dealing with the religious occult is by no means an original premise for a movie. *The Exorcist* films clearly come to mind, as well as recent ones like *The Order*, *Stigmata* or *Bless the Child*. The intrinsic part of each of these movies is that the religious information provided is so shady and misleading that it is likely to make a theology professor's head spin like a possessed little girl. The plus to *Constantine*, however, is

that they take it to the brink of being so ridiculous and untrue to real dogma and beliefs that you know they were not even trying to stay close to them.

Rather than theorizing an apocalypse for our world, the makers of *Constantine* showed the world in a skewed version, while still keeping enough similarity so that we could relate to it. While the ideas are not entirely original, the ways they are presented in *Constantine* are done in a genuine fashion.

The special effects are done appropriately, not overdoing it as it is easy to do in a movie like this. Every character is not just a bunch of pixels, nor is every fight scene just one big computer animation. The dark lighting, murky characters and drab settings combine with the graphic effects to give the movie an incredible feel that lasts throughout.

In the end, *Constantine* does an exemplary job of meeting my very meager expectations for it. If you are into science fiction and all that hoo-ha, make a trip out to see this one, you won't be disappointed.



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Keanu Reeves takes a small breather before grabbing another cigarette in *Constantine*. His character has as tough a time battling lung cancer as he is plagued by swarms of demons.

Low gets poppy on seventh full-length record

By Tom Korp
MUSIC CRITIC

Low - *The Great Destroyer*
2005 Sub Pop Records
★★★ 1/2 (out of 5)

To preface: this is my first conscious encounter with the Duluth, Minn.-based rock trio Low, and God willing, it won't be the last.

The Great Destroyer, Low's seventh full-length release, finds frontman Alan Sparhawk, wife and drummer Mimi Parker, and bassist Zak Sally making their first pop-rock album. Actively performing for 10 years, Low is best known for the slow-paced, reverb-heavy minimalist rock that defined their earlier albums.

For Sparhawk and co., *The Great Destroyer* marks a change of pace on multiple levels. The slowcore sensibilities and reverb-heavy instrumentals of *Trust* and *Things We Lost in the Fire* have taken a back-seat to clean vocal work, upbeat songs and downright catchy guitar riffs.

But diehard fans need not fear. Though it seems that the members of Low have taken to this newfangled rock-and-roll shtick like a fish to water, they haven't let the pop go to their heads.

Sparhawk and Parker still croon as casually as ever and you won't catch Sally playing slap anytime soon. And while there certainly are a handful of upbeat songs to meet the needs of radio programming, slower arrangements tend to dominate *The Great Destroyer*.

The overall sound of Low's new album is calm and pacifying, like a weird combination

of R.E.M. and Pavement offset with hints of Blue Line Medic and the Brian Jonestown Massacre (only with a consistent line-up). Others have described them as "Joy Division meets Simon & Garfunkel." In a word: interesting. In two words: *really* interesting.

True to older Low albums, Sally's bass lines tend to be fuzzier than a machine-washed wool sweater, particularly on songs like "Monkey" and "On the Edge Of." Still, out of respect for the Low's newfound pop leanings, Zak cleans it up a bit for "Silver Rider" and "Just Stand Back."

Distorted or not, Zak's bass lines provide a consistently solid foundation for Alan's spartan guitar work and Parker's steady percussion. The couple's vocals remain clear and mellow throughout, with the occasional poppy hook tossed in for songs like "California" and "Broadway (So Many People)":

"Smiling / Tasting the irony / Broadway / So many people / Outside / Just round the corner / Letter / And Bob Marley T-shirts / Where is the laughter?"

There's a sense of laissez-faire stoicism built in to *The Great Destroyer*. Songs come and go with relaxed sincerity as airy vocals float alongside acoustic and electric chords, brushed hi-hats and snares, and steady bass lines. With tracks like "When I Go Deaf," it's as though Alan, Mimi and Zak just wanted to let their audience know that; come what may, everything will be all right:

"When I go deaf / I won't even mind / ... I'll stay out all night / Looking at the sky / I'll still have my sight / Yeah, I'll still have my eyes."

Optimistic overtones aside, don't be



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Alan Sparhawk (left, looking a lot like Conan O'Brien), Mimi Parker and Zak Sally up the tempo on *The Great Destroyer*, the band's seventh album.

fooled -- *The Great Destroyer* is hardly a feel-good album, and I certainly doubt that Low's slowcore roots would permit them to create (let alone release) a super-saccharine out-and-out pop album.

That doesn't mean that *The Great Destroyer* is devoid of hope, as even outwardly morose songs like "Death of a

Salesman" and "Walk Into the Sea" end on (moderately) happy notes.

Low's vintage musical style and creative composition result in one heck of an album. Fans of Sonic Youth and Modest Mouse (circa *Building Something Out of Nothing*) would do well to check out Low's *The Great Destroyer*.

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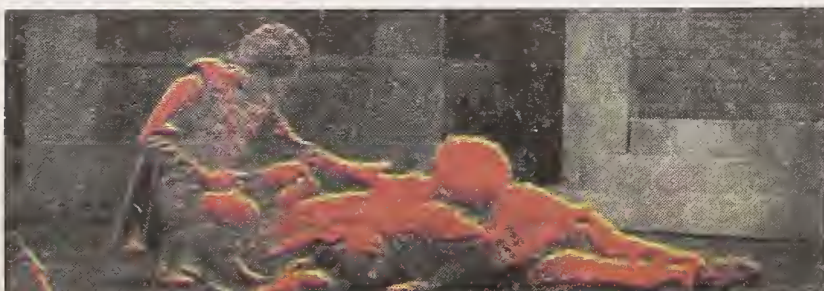
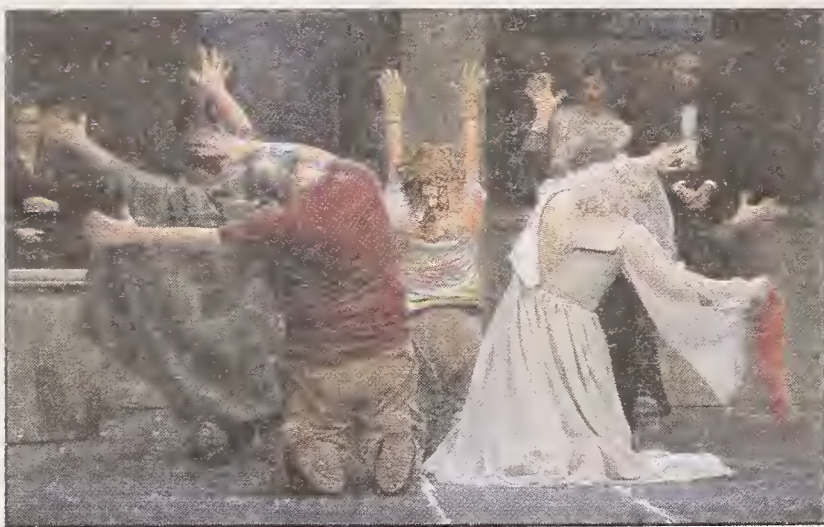
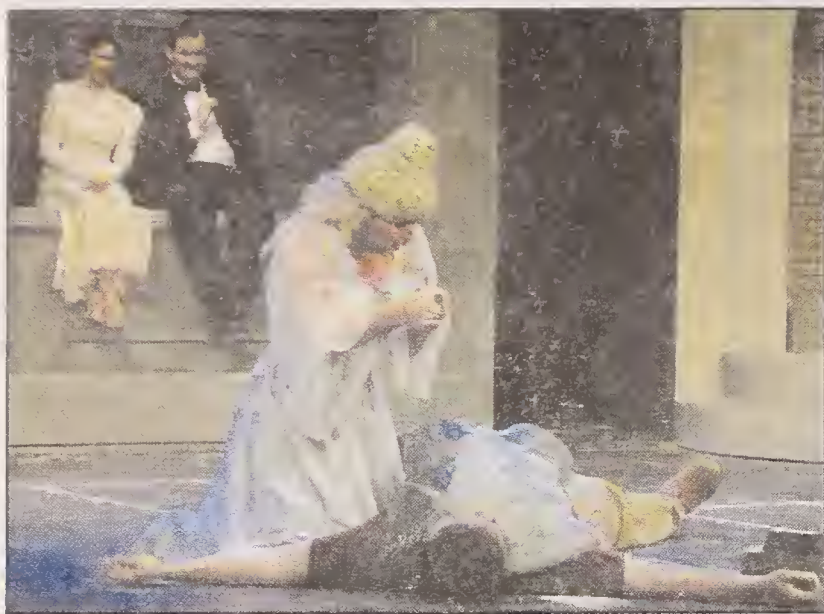
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(Clockwise from top left) Pat King ('05), as Thisbe, cannot bear to be without his lover, Pyramus, played by Jonathan Judge-Russo ('05). The mellow Devon Wallace ('05) roars wonderfully at the audience as the lion. Reading up on his role as Moon, Chris Dillon ('05) makes a passionate cry. Jonathan Judge-Russo, in an amazing performance, crouches to tell the audience of his plans. Powerful Lord Oberon kneels to woo his Queen, played by sophomore Miguel Peschiera and junior Erin Gloth. The cast of the play within the play kneel down and do the wave in a joyful celebration.

A Midsummer Night's Dream opens at McManus Theatre

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respectively) are both in love with Hermia (freshman Alison Koentje), who chooses only to reciprocate Lysander's feelings. It wouldn't be Shakespeare without some more drama, however; Hermia's grumpy father Egeus (portrayed by English professor David Dougherty) is insistent upon his

daughter marrying Demetrius.

Meanwhile, Helena (played by freshman Brittany Ellwanger) is throwing herself at Demetrius, who wants nothing to do with her.

Enter the "inhabitants of the park." Oberon (sophomore Miguel Peschiera) and Titania (junior Erin Gloth) are the king and queen of the fairies, spending their time

bickering like an old married couple. Oberon's sidekick Puck (junior Dough Schultz) causes trouble by running around with magic flowers that toys with unsuspecting people's emotions; upon waking up, the victim falls in love with the first person he or she lays eyes upon.

Naturally, that could cause

things to get pretty hairy.

For comic relief, Shakespeare adds a subplot with a bunch of dopes that want to put on a play of their own for Duke Theseus (senior Joshua Prescott) and his fiancée Hippolyta (senior Stephanie Borris). In this version, Theseus is the head of the network and Hippolyta the star of "Amazon

Queen," a parody of the best show the WB has ever had to offer, "Xena: Warrior Princess."

The technical crew of "Athens General," determined to put on the most entertaining play the big boss has ever seen, in turn provides the audience with plenty of laughs. Led by Patty Quince (senior Tori Woods), the group includes Snug (senior Devon Wallace), Nick Bottom (senior Jonathan Judge-Russo), Francis Flute (senior Pat King), Tom Snout (freshman Dan Procaccini) and Robin Starveling (senior Chris Dillon).

Midsummer really is, in every meaning of the word, an ensemble production. Part of the reason Mitchell chose this show was specifically for this reason.

"It's such a big cast show," he said, "and I wanted to give a lot of students an opportunity to get their work out there."

For a handful of the senior students in the show, *Midsummer* will be their swan song production here at Loyola. Judge-Russo, who did a fantastic job with Bottom, is one of them.

"It is kind of sad and strange," he said, "but it's a good way to go out."

The Evergreen Players' production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* closes this weekend with performances at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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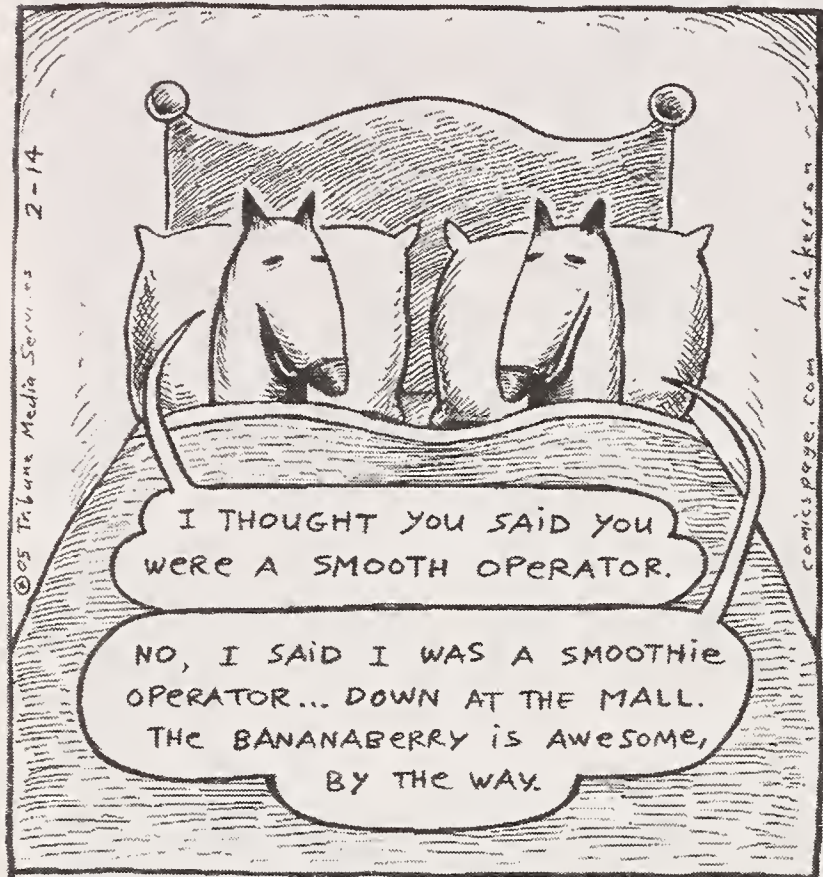
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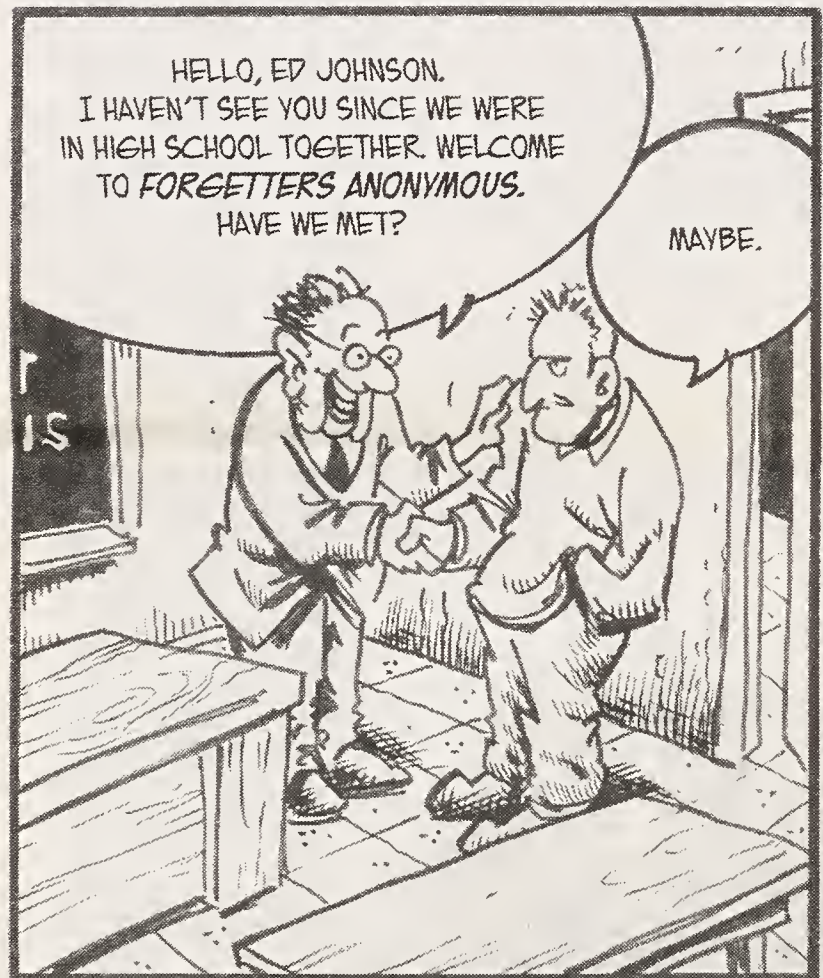
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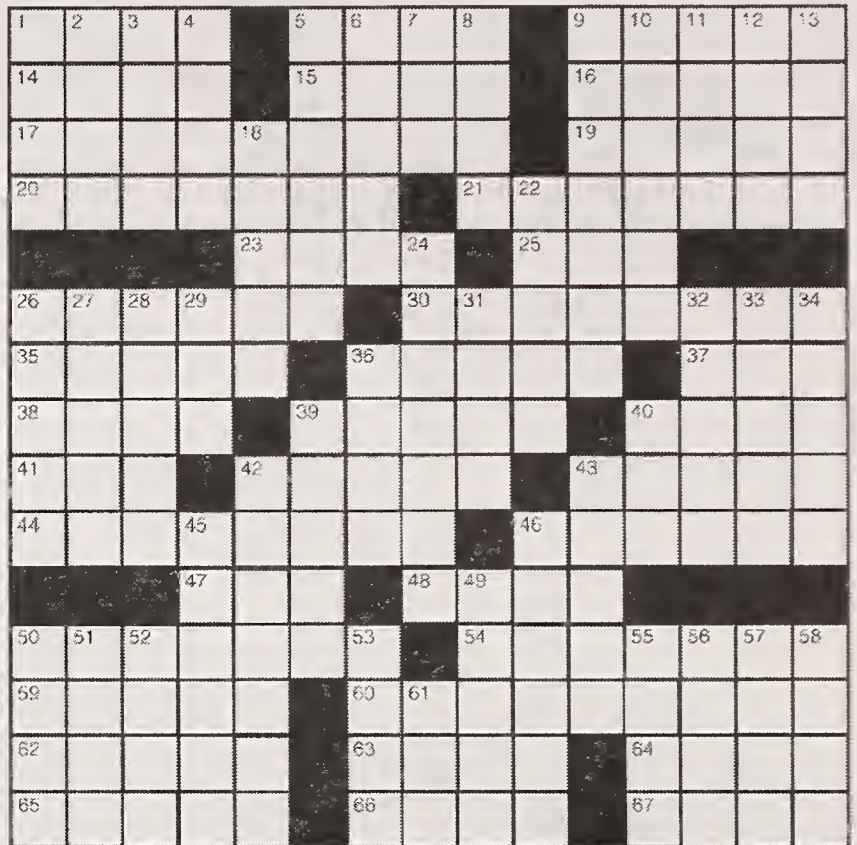
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Crossword

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- Knocks one's socks off
 - Tardy
 - Range
 - False god
 - Zounds!
 - Famed Olympic athlete Jesse
 - Monarch
 - Greek letter
 - Before sunrise
 - Account examiner
 - Changes course sharply
 - Std.
 - Position, as troops
 - Off-white color
 - Mistake
 - Strong winds
 - Seinfeld's uncle
 - Forehead
 - Sat for a portrait
 - Sharp, localized pain
 - Ticket info
 - Rustic retreat
 - Elk relative
 - Strongly averse (to)
 - Film festival site
 - Born in Paris
 - Celtic attire
 - Chronological record
 - Part of NRC
 - Up to the time of
 - School visiting day
 - Frighten
 - Employment
 - Parched
 - Helen or Gabby
 - Rents
 - Velvety flora

- DOWN**
- Tendril
 - Scent
 - Worked at a loom
 - Child's coaster
 - Wiggle room
 - Getting along in years
 - Label
 - Author Ferber
 - Female deity
 - "Anchors —"
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 - Actress Paget
 - Flynn of films
 - Roam stealthily
 - Blue
 - Narrow valley
 - Singing John
 - Tenant's agreement
 - Places for earrings
 - Asian desert
 - Beeper
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 - Fire starter



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Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- Complete
- Makes a dull, heavy sound
- Motionless
- Tranquil silence
- Early Peruvian
- Remain behind
- Mournful wail
- Rich soil
- French cash
- In the present condition
- Beatty film
- "The Bells" poet

Aries (March 21-April 20)

Love relationships require diplomacy and special sensitivity this week. After Monday, romantic

new investment strategies or finalize property documents. All are positive but also legally complicated: study written documents for unrealistic deadlines or hidden restrictions.

minor health issues affecting the skin, digestion or intestines may be bothersome.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Monday through Wednesday, a past relationship may reappear. If so, remain quietly detached and expect ongoing social triangles for the next 11 days. Avoid public discussions, if possible, and expect others to offer misinformation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Over the next few days, group plans may be postponed. At present, friends and colleagues are easily distracted with family events, new friendships or romantic invitations. Take none of it personally: intriguing relationships, sultry proposals and social activities will soon prove entertaining. Remain optimistic and all will be well.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This week, long-term relationships begin a phase of serious communications, group planning and social expansion. Loved ones

are now motivated to bring added commitments or security into their lives. Single Scorpions may encounter the return of a past lover or distant friend.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) First impressions will this week set the tone of new friendships. Friday through Sunday, an older relative may announce controversial business or career changes. Encourage optimism: tensions may be high.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Patient determination and gentle diplomacy will help clarify difficult business relationships. Thursday through Saturday, a close friend may feel temporarily disillusioned with recent family decisions. Stay focused: there's much to discuss.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Housing decisions, financial applications and legal documents will this week demand your full attention. A series of family disputes or money restrictions now needs to be resolved. Honest discussion will bring the desired

results. After Wednesday, a complex social or romantic relationship may need to end.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) Early this week, new friendships may be complicated with subtle romantic triangles or private attractions. Ensure your long-term intentions are clearly understood by the group. Over the next few days, emotional signals are easily misinterpreted: avoid familiar or inappropriate behavior, if possible, and wait for social jealousies to fade.

If your birthday is this week ... Loved ones may challenge new career, financial or educational strategies over the next four months. This is an excellent time to revise long-term financial plans, initiate business relationships or expand job skills. After June 19, watch also for a dramatic change to family dynamics, romantic expectations or social commitments. New relationships, after Aug. 23, may also be affected: remain dedicated to your own needs and all will be well.

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partners or potential lovers may feel drained by recent family events or unexpected home disputes.

Taurus (April 21-May 20) Business skills and daily instructions are now a source of workplace concern. Over the next eight days, close colleagues may demand equal treatment, new opportunities or quick advancements. After Friday, long-term relationships begin an unexpected phase of passion, social change and new expression: stay open to all proposals.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Some Geminis will soon feel pressured to revise family budgets, begin

friends or relatives will this week discuss revised career ambitions. After Tuesday, expect complex social or family relationships to require detailed practical decisions. Offer business advice and watch for steady progress: your approval and continuing support is needed. Friday through Sunday, loved ones may be unusually thoughtful. If so, expect new emotional or family roles to soon emerge.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Romantic decisions are best delayed this week. Over the next eight days, complex relationships and quickly revised goals may challenge the traditional expectations of family members. Friday through Sunday,



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Hounds drop two

By TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

After a week that saw the Loyola men's basketball team win three games in a row and the college community look on in amazement, the Greyhounds have come back down to earth with a pair of MAAC losses, first a 77-61 setback in Manhattan last Wednesday and then a 92-83 loss at Canisius last Sunday.

The Greyhounds made the trip to Buffalo last Sunday looking to continue their winning ways against the Golden Griffins, who they upset 70-68 at Reitz Arena on Jan. 14.

Loyola took to the Koessler Athletic Center on "Senior Day" and was greeted by a Canisius team that came out hot, shooting nearly 65 percent in the first half.

"They were a tough team to beat on Sunday, they came out really fired up and shot well," said freshman forward Freddie Stanback. "I think we played well though, it was a tough game to lose."

It was the Greyhounds who hit from the outside early, however, converting on three quick three-

pointers by freshman guard Greg Manning, Stanback and senior center Sean Corrigan, to take a 9-7 lead. After a 6-0 Canisius run, Corrigan hit his second three-ball to regain the lead at 20-18.

When Manning got fouled on a three, he converted on a four-point play to give the Greyhounds a 27-23 lead. The Griffins answered back, however, and closed out the half on a 11-3 run and took a 51-44 into the locker room.

"Getting the start was exciting and it felt good," said Manning. "It was nice to hit some shots early, but mainly I just wanted to go out and play hard."

Playing even out of the gate, the Hounds pulled to 58-56 after Stanback made a strong up and under move to the basket. Another 6-0 run gave Canisius a bigger cushion with 11 minutes remaining, however.

Loyola got its final lead on the night when freshman guard Brad Farrell hit a pair of free throws before senior forward Jim Chivers turned a three-point play with eight minutes remaining.

Canisius put together a final run and managed to hold the

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ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Junior forward Lauren Troupe squares up for a jump shot against Iona in the Hounds' 53-51 win.

LC gets back to winning ways

By BRADY FITZGERALD
STAFF WRITER

In their final game at Reitz Arena, the Loyola College women's basketball team went out in surprising fashion, turning back Iona 53-51 last Sunday afternoon. The win, coupled with Friday's victory over Manhattan, improves the Greyhounds to 9-16 overall and 8-8 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Trailing by three with just 39 seconds remaining, junior guard Krystle Harrington made a sharp move to the basket and finished with a tough layup to cut Iona's lead to 50-49.

After a foul, sophomore guard Meg Abele, who had been big for the Gaels down the stretch and was their leading scorer on the day with 14 points, missed the back end of a one-and-one. Junior forward Katie Scherle, who has earned MAAC Player of the Week honors twice this season, ripped down the big defensive board.

Taking the outlet pass, Harrington again went coast-to-coast and put home another

difficult lay-in to tie the game at 51. Iona threw the ball away on their following possession, giving the Greyhounds the ball with 7.4 seconds remaining.

With the defense back on their heels after scoring on the previous two possessions, Harrington found sophomore Brittany Dunn open in the corner. Dunn spotted up and was able to beat the buzzer to give the Hounds a 53-51 victory.

"All year we have been waiting for someone to come up big for us," Loyola head coach Candy Cage said. "And Brittany Dunn did today. As soon as the ball left her hands I knew it was good."

After a back and forth first half, the Greyhounds led at halftime 23-17. The Greyhounds came out charging in the second half opening their lead to 40-29. However, the Gaels came storming back, going on an 8-0 run and cutting the Greyhound lead to 40-37. With just over a minute remaining in the game, Abele drained a three-pointer to give the Gaels the lead 48-47.

Dunn finished with eight points and five rebounds. Scherle added

nine points and eight rebounds. Harrington led the Greyhounds with 11 points, five assists and four rebounds.

Sophomore center Regan Pettijohn brought down 12 rebounds for Iona in the loss.

"We really didn't play that well today but we came up on top, and that's what matters," Cage said. "The entire team knew we wanted the ball in Krystle's hands there at the end, and she came up huge for us."

With the loss, Iona drops to 5-20 overall and 3-13 in the MAAC.

Friday evening the Greyhounds played host to Manhattan, and Reitz Arena proved to be home sweet home as the Hounds won 56-43. Though Loyola entered the game on a six-game losing skid, they were confident they could pull out a win after playing the Jaspers to a tight six-point game in Manhattan on Feb. 3.

The Hounds jumped out to a quick 10-6 lead on a Dunn layup with 13:20 remaining in the half. Though the first period was a back and forth battle with the lead

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FILE PHOTO

Senior Jim Chivers steps out against a Niagara guard earlier this season at Reitz Arena.

Track team runs well at MAACs

By NEVIN STEINER
STAFF WRITER

The Greyhound women's track team competed in their inaugural MAAC indoor championships in New York on Friday. It was only their fifth indoor event in Hounds history. Despite finishing fifth out of six MAAC teams, the program's had a successful meet, posting personal and season bests.

In the 3,000-meter run, sophomore Sarah Spencer posted a career-best 10:57.31, besting her previous time by 22 seconds to finish in fourth.

In the mile run freshman Bethany Gentry ran a personal-best 5:44.54, coming in seventh. Sophomore Andrea Rovengo came in second place in the mile run with a time of

5:06.18, beating her season best by five seconds.

Senior Jackie Truncellito competed in the 5,000-meter run, coming in fifth with a season-best of 18:33.99, 18 seconds faster than her previous best of the season. In the 800-meter run, freshman Allison Riley came in 10th place, posting a season-best by three seconds, with a time of 2:36.70.

Sophomore Bridget Scanlan ran in the 400-meter dash, finishing in the 10th spot. Scanlan posted a season-best of 1:04.74, beating her previous time by four seconds.

The Hounds also competed in a team event, the distance medley. They finished in fourth place out of six teams, with a time of 13:16.03. Rovengo ran the 1,200 m, Scanlan ran the 400m, sophomore Colleen

Depman ran the 800m and Truncellito ran the 1600m. In the final leg of the medley, Truncellito pushed the Hounds from fifth into fourth, running the 1600m in 5:29. This performance followed her 5000-meter season best.

With only 14 women on the indoor team, Loyola's performance is even more impressive.

"I thought we did really well [only] having 14 girls," Rovegno said.

"This was the peak of our season," said head coach Julie Culley.

Loyola will compete in their final event of the indoor track season Sunday at the George Mason Winter Games. They hope to gain momentum going into the outdoor track season.



FILE PHOTO

Senior Jackie Truncellito (right) has carried her cross country skills over to the track, where she finished fifth in the 5000-meter

"You want your teams to be peaking in the outdoor events. The indoor season is a great way to improve for that," Culley said.

The Hounds kick off their second outdoor track season on March 18 at the VCU Invitational

in Richmond, Va. With the first indoor track season about to come to a close, the Hounds see a bright future.

"I am really proud of everything they did," Culley said. "The only place we have to go is up."

Greyhounds finish third at MAAC Championships



LORI MAGDA/ GREYHOUND

Senior Marko Turcinov swam the butterfly to two new MAAC records Friday and Saturday at the Fitness and Aquatic Center.

BY BOB HINKEY
STAFF WRITER

At the MAAC championships this past weekend, the Loyola College men's and women's swimming and diving teams delivered a strong performance. The men's team set seven school records, while the women's team bettered that by setting 12.

Both the men's and women's team placed third out of the 10 teams in the event, with MAAC powerhouses Rider and Marist getting the best of both teams. The men accumulated 552 points, finishing behind Rider's 792 and Marist's 852. The women scored 625 points, but Marist's women's team won the championship with 731 points, with Rider finishing second with 689.

"Our team was outstanding today; this is the best conference meet that we've had in all my 14 years here," said head coach Brian Loeffler. "Everything we train for is in preparation for this meet."

The Hounds also performed well in the relay events throughout the weekend. Both teams set school records in the 200 free relay

on the first day. The women broke the Loyola records in the 200 and 400 medley relays.

Senior Marko Turcinov set three conference records in the 200 IM (1:50.78), the 100 fly (49.12) and the 200 fly (1:49.15) on his way to collecting his second straight MAAC male Swimmer of the Year award. This meet was a fitting conclusion to a great career for Turcinov. He lost only one individual race this season, that coming at the previous meet at Iona.

"I used that loss to motivate me to want to win even more; it helped me to stay focused," Turcinov said. "It relit the fire inside that desires victory, nothing less."

On the women's side, sophomore Nori Skoda was the MAAC champion in the 400 IM race with a time of 4:36.49. Senior Lisa Davey finished as runner up in that event. Davey also grabbed silver in the women's 200 fly. Skoda also had a third place finish in the 200 IM. Junior Chelsea Brace was third in the 100 back, setting a school record in that event with a time of 1:00.50.

"I did really well throughout the weekend. The competition was tougher the last day,

but I stayed focused on how I wanted to perform," Brace said.

Sophomore Ryan Reeser finished second in the 500 free event, setting a school record of 4:37.51 in the process.

Both teams were strong throughout the weekend in the relays. This strong performance is indicative of how well the team has come together and performed as a whole. Throughout the weekend, swimmers were cheering on their teammates while they performed and were supportive of each other.

"It felt great to have everybody around getting up and cheering," said Ian Perazzelli. The environment could not have been better for the last meet of the season."

Loeffler was awarded the MAAC women's Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

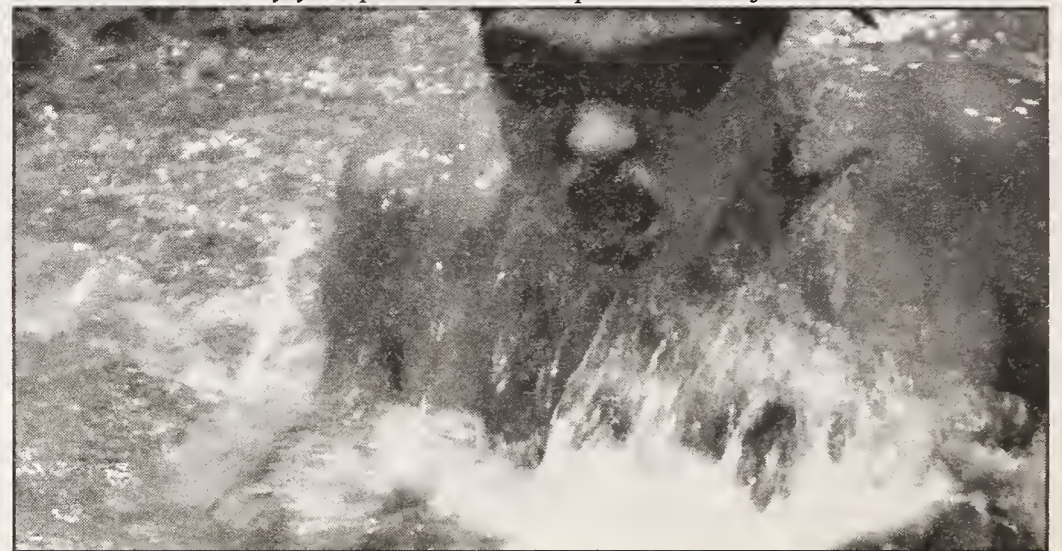
"It feels really good," Loeffler said. "The women's team swam well, and it feels good to be voted the best by your peers."

Turcinov was happy to end his swimming career the way he did. He leaves as one of the most decorated swimmers in Loyola's history. Nonetheless, he is ready to move on and have fun with the other aspects of his life.

"I would not have wanted to end my career here at Loyola College any differently than I did," Turcinov said. "I am sure I will miss swimming, but for the last two months of school I am going to try to act like a regular college student and have fun."

Despite losing decorated swimmers like Turcinov and Davey, the teams are optimistic about the future and think that they will be able to compete with Marist and Rider in the upcoming years.

Assistant coach Eric Rasmussen said, "I think our prospects for next year are better if we work hard. It really hurts to lose great swimmers like Marko and Lisa; we've got a great class of freshmen and some great sophomores and juniors."



CHRISTINA SANTUCCI/ GREYHOUND

Sophomore Nori Skoda won the 400 IM last weekend in a time of 4:36.49 and finished third in the 200 IM.

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LC sets sights on Siena

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Greyhounds off down the stretch. With the win, Canisius moves to 9-16 overall and 7-9 in the MAAC.

Junior guard Charlie Bell led Loyola with 17 points on 6-10 from the floor and 5-7 from the line, while Corrigan and Stanback both chipped in 15 points. Farrell pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds, while Canisius was led by Jon Popofski's 23 points.

Loyola's jaunt to Manhattan last Wednesday didn't prove as pleasant, however, as the Hounds found themselves outplayed from the opening whistle. Playing a Jasper team that has dramatically picked up its game since the last time the two teams met, Wednesday's game didn't match the 77-70 loss Manhattan suffered at "The Track" two weeks ago.

"Basically we just came out flat and lackadaisical in the first half," Stanback said. "If we had played for 40 minutes the way we did in the second half, it would have been a much closer, more like the way we're capable of playing them."

Coming out in a full-court press that they kept up for the entire 40 minutes, Manhattan didn't allow Loyola its first field goal until sophomore guard Shane James drove to the basket to make it 6-3 five minutes in.

Though they committed 14 first half turnovers, Loyola cut the deficit to four when Farrell dropped in back-to-back shots.

Leading 23-19 with just over five minutes remaining in the half, the Jaspers reeled off

eight points before a pair of Farrell free throws and a Corrigan turn-around jumper made it 31-24. Manhattan would not slow down, however, and after senior forward Peter Mulligan hit two threes to end the half, the Jaspers led 40-23.

Manhattan opened up the second half with a 20-6 run that would seal the game, with freshman guard C.J. Anderson contributing nine of his game-high 22 points over the stretch. Loyola would cut the lead to 19 with 10 minutes remaining but would come no closer until game's end.

Junior forward Josko Alujevic registered a career-high 12 points in the loss, with all 12 coming in the second half. Corrigan led the Hounds with 14 points and Stanback pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds.

"It was a rough game, but we just need to come out and play better," Manning said.

Loyola is set to take on MAAC cellar-dweller Siena on Thursday at Reitz Arena. The last home game for the Greyhounds this season, it will be senior night for Loyola seniors Jim Chivers, Ika Nijaradze, Bernard Allen, and Sean Corrigan. The Hounds then travel to Connecticut for a rematch with Deng Gai and the Fairfield Stags in their regular season finale.

"Against Siena, at home, I like our chances," Stanback said.

With the completion of the regular season, the Greyhounds will advance to the MAAC Tournament where they will likely take on St. Peter's.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Freshman Frddie Stanback goes up for a layup in Loyola's first matchup with Manhattan on Feb. 6. The Hounds won the game 77-70.

THE GREYHOUND ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior
Marko Turcinov

Senior Marko Turcinov ends his Loyola career as one of the most decorated swimmers in school history this week. Turcinov set three conference records at the MAAC Championships with Loyola men's notable third-place finish. He set records in the 200 IM with a time of 1:50.78, the 100 fly time with 49.12 and 200 fly with a 1:49.15 showing.

Turcinov used the banner day to collect his second straight MAAC Swimmer of the Year award. Turcnov lost only one individual race this season, which came at the previous meet at Iona.

"I used that loss to motivate me to want to win even more; it helped me to stay focused," he said. "I would not have wanted to end my career here at Loyola College any differently than I did."

Hounds end season on road Two wins could earn fifth seed at MAACs

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changing hands five times, the Hounds never trailed by more than four points and took a 25-22 lead into the locker room at halftime.

After Manhattan got a quick layup to start the second period, Loyola went on a 13-2 run to extend the lead to 12. Manhattan looked to cut into the Loyola lead, but the Greyhounds held on with six and five points each from junior forwards Jackie Valderas and Lauren Troupe, as well as 9-11 shooting from the free throw line in the last 11 minutes.

Scherle scored a game-high 13 points and led all defenders with eight rebounds. Valderas pitched in 12 points and grabbed five rebounds. Troupe scored nine points while posting four rebounds.

Freshman guard Joann Nwafili led Manhattan with 13 points.

The loss dropped the Jaspers' record to 10-14 on the year and 6-9 in MAAC conference play.

"These past two wins have been huge for us," said Cage. "We were struggling but we have won two in a row, and that's what

we want going into the Rider game. We really want to get on a roll heading into the tournament."

As Sunday's game was the final home game for seniors Robbyn Poole and Shannon Kelleher, the pair was honored for their careers at Loyola.

Kelleher is a guard who has been a tremendous asset to the Hounds in practice, and Poole is a center who has helped to mentor sophomore Vanessa Ruffin. Both have been a great help to Cage with their leadership abilities.

Loyola finishes the regular season out with two road games. Thursday night they will travel to Rider and Saturday the Greyhounds take on the Fairfield Stags.

Fairfield, who is tied with Loyola at 8-8 in the MAAC, handed Loyola a 14-point loss at Reitz Arena in January. The Hounds turned back Rider, however, by the same margin, two weeks earlier.

With the third- through ninth-place teams within three games of each other, seeding for the MAAC Tournament is wide open. Marist is currently first at 13-3.

Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Niagara	12	4	.750	-	17	8	.680	Lost 1
Rider	11	5	.688	1	15	10	.600	Lost 1
Fairfield	9	6	.600	2.5	12	13	.480	Lost 3
Marist	8	7	.533	3.5	11	13	.458	Won 1
St. Peter's	8	7	.533	3.5	13	11	.542	Won 4
Manhattan	8	8	.500	4	13	12	.520	Lost 1
Iona	7	8	.467	4.5	11	14	.440	Lost 2
Canisius	7	9	.438	5	9	16	.360	Won 1
LOYOLA	5	11	.313	7	6	19	.240	Lost 2
Siena	3	13	.188	9	5	22	.185	Won 1

Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	13	3	.813	-	19	6	.760	Won 13
Canisius	11	4	.733	1.5	15	9	.625	Lost 1
Siena	9	7	.563	4	12	13	.480	Lost 1
Niagara	9	7	.563	4	14	11	.560	Lost 4
Fairfield	8	7	.533	4.5	10	14	.467	Won 3
Loyola	8	8	.500	5	9	16	.450	Won 2
Manhattan	6	10	.375	7	10	15	.400	Lost 2
Rider	6	10	.375	7	8	17	.320	Won 1
St. Peter's	6	10	.375	7	10	15	.400	Won 1
Iona	3	13	.231	10	5	20	.200	Lost 1

Reitz is alive with the sound of the Dog Pound

In case you didn't notice, basketball is back at Loyola.

First-year coach Jimmy Patsos has breathed life into the pronounced dead

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basketball scene at Loyola. Though the team isn't dominating, it is winning games and has even put together a nice little victory streak. Though a lot of credit should be given to Patsos and the hard work that the players have been doing, there is a group of people that is usually overlooked and has been integral to the resurgence of the team. They are the rowdy members of the Dog Pound, most notably the die-hard seniors that can be seen and heard at every single home game.

They are the ones that have stood by the team through thick (last Saturday's pounding of Iona) and thin (last year's one-win season). These gentlemen are too many to all be named, but together they are the Sixth Man, without whom the Greyhounds wouldn't be the same.

In years past, the crowds at the men's basketball games have been similar to those in the beginning of *Teen Wolf*. The few people that were there usually were close friends of the players, family members, etc. This year, with each game the student section in Reitz Arena has been filling up.

"The crowd has done a complete 180," said senior Dan Healy. "This year, the Dog Pound is wall to wall, barking louder than ever. The players and coaches have thanked us a bunch of times."

Healy might be the most visible of these senior leaders, due to the height advantage he has over his fellow students in this crowd. But he has used this to his benefit, constantly turning around from his front row seat and calling out the younger students to make some noise. He chose to

lead the crowd against Iona with a red whiffle ball bat, which has a mysterious symbolic meaning to Healy.

The seniors have enjoyed bringing back old chants from their high school days, standard calls to pump up the crowd, and have also created some calls especially for this year's Greyhounds, such as the Jim Chivers "Jolly Green Giant" chant, and the Charlie Bell call, set to the song "Ring My Bell."

Patsos has capitalized on doing something with these enthusiastic upperclassmen that coaches in the past have failed to do -- embracing them.

Senior James Sullivan Gottermeyer said, "Patsos has turned to us to pump them up like we are part of the game, and he always acknowledges us the days after the games to say 'Thank you.' It helps us feel important and to want to keep leading cheers and making other students get into it."

Before and after the home win against Iona, Patsos acknowledged the crowd, showing his approval each time. The former Maryland assistant has become a sort of icon in his first year at the school, with many female students sporting the "Patsos Girls" T-shirts, and a sign was seen at the last home game proclaiming, "Patsos for Pope." His energy and passion is infectious. These seniors have carried over what he brings to the court into the stands. Once again, it is fun to go to basketball games.

With transfers Andre Collins and Hassan Fofana on campus, the Hounds look to be turning things around, and the growing attendance has been a big part of that. For once, there is chatter about the team on game days and going to see the men play is becoming more than just something to do on campus. It's becoming *the* thing to do.

These seniors have helped to create an atmosphere inside Reitz Arena that is enjoyable for the students and that the players can feed off of. The problem is, only one home game remains, and come next season, it will be hard to match the spirit and leadership these seniors have brought to the table, but it is a task that must be carried out.



ALEXANDRA DYKHOUSE/GREYHOUND

Senior superfan Tom Kowalczyk showed his support for the men's basketball team throughout his college career, and topped it off with this shirtless performance against Iona on Feb. 12.

Senior cheerleader Mark Pawloski advises younger students to keep the momentum going in the future, regardless whether or not the victory total keeps rising. "Regardless if the team is winning or not, the games are fun if you want them to be," he said. "Luckily for the underclassmen, it looks like a quality squad is on the way. Remember, you don't need a good team to heckle the opponent."

On Thursday night, the Greyhounds play their final home game of the season and the last home game for the senior players, not to mention these senior fanatics. Senior supporter Chris Vedete calls on everyone in the college community to come out to support the team.

"I think everyone should come out to the game because it is a chance for the Loyola students to come together to support not only our team, but our school," he said. "We are all part of the Loyola community, and we need to show our support."

Gottermeyer added, "The students should take pride in what they take part in. They go to school at Loyola College, and we should try to achieve excellence in every

aspect. School spirit is a big part of that."

Healy thinks anyone not going to the games is failing to see something great. "If you don't want to see one of the best things [spirit] that Loyola has to offer," Healy said, "then you'll miss an important part of the college experience."

The bottom line is this: on Thursday, go to the game. Tape "The OC." Do your homework after the game. Whatever else you have planned, cancel it. There were more people at the last home game than there had been in Reitz in 15 years. Let's fill up the gym even more. Go to show your support for Patsos and all the hard work the team has done to improve this season.

If that's not enough, do it for these die-hard seniors, who have been stirring up enthusiasm all year -- and for some of them -- for all four years they have been at Loyola. If you haven't been to a game yet, now is the time to jump on the bandwagon. For underclassmen, it is a chance for these seniors to pass the torch of something they should be proud of accomplishing before they left Loyola: They brought back basketball.

Granting wishes; Flynn prognosticates for Hounds

Six and 18. A record only people at Loyola would get excited about because 6-18 is six times better than 1-27. Six and 18 is a sigh of relief; we can breathe easy now that our

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4TH AND TWENTY

bullied basketball program is picking itself off the ground and looking to shock the MAAC.

With wins over conference-leading Niagara, last year's conference king Manhattan and on television at home against Iona, the Hounds have proven that they are not only competitive, but a team that can win as well. No longer are these Greyhounds seen as the Milwaukee Brewers of the MAAC, and no longer are they seen as the Milwaukee Brewers by the Loyola community.

And to think how bad last year was, highlighted by the infamous streak of 31 consecutive losses; 2003-04 was anything but fun for the players and fans alike.

"It was hard; a lot of guys had their heads down," said senior Jim Chivers with a half smile. "I was depressed for a little while."

Losing 27 out of 28 games will do that to a competitive person. But to the credit of

Chivers and the rest of the returnees from last year's squad, they are still on the court, showing their true character. They want to win, they want to earn each and every win for this school, something it rarely sees from its men's basketball.

"They are great guys, and they work their butts off," touted Jimmy Patsos, their new headman-slash-savior around these parts. "I am asking them to play fast after years of playing slow, which means there are going to be a lot of mistakes, but they work hard."

This new style of play is not the reason why Loyola has bounced its way out of the Bengals' hole in the MAAC.

"There is more intensity [this year]. Coach Patsos is a pretty intense guy, and we are playing with it," said senior Bernard Allen.

Intensity was something that avoided Reitz Arena like the plague last year. It wasn't just the players on the court, but everyone in the arena seemed lackadaisical too. The energy wasn't there. The fans didn't show up; I didn't show up. It wasn't fun, more depressing than anything.

When a perspective student comes to Loyola, they talk about the lacrosse program and how good the soccer teams are, and it's a sidenote, "Yeah our basketball team is pretty bad." People bought into the tradition of losing and expected it

The culture created a cycle of expecting to lose and then losing, until it hit the point of last year and the streak. Loyola has been good in the past, but this fine academic

institution has only made the NCAAs once, back when Skip Prosser swooped in for a year in 1994, but then he moved onto Xavier and then Wake Forest, and Loyola went back to old ways of not winning.

The worst part of the whole thing is that not only did the students buy into this tradition, but so did the players. Patsos explains the struggle this team has with the tradition. "There were a couple games earlier this year, UMBC, Central Connecticut and Navy where we didn't get a bounce, and it didn't go our way, and that is partly due to the culture here," Patsos said. "The culture wasn't to win but to give it away."

This program has always been one that never looked to win but just to compete. Give credit to the administration and Fr. Ridley, who made a decision to turn the program around by bringing in Patsos, someone who has the ambition to turn this tradition of losing on its head.

"Coach Patsos did a good job just giving us confidence. Beginning of preseason he told us we can be winners and not follow tradition," Chivers said. After so many years and losses, the argument of winning is a tough sell, but one that easily catches fire.

This season has been a struggle for this team seems to battle this ritual of losing. With the exception of a couple games, Loyola has played with or outplayed their opponent for 30-35 minutes, but they seem to be lacking that complete game. They haven't escaped the cloud, and they bind

themselves to the tradition by letting games slip away that they had deserved to win.

But with winning three out of the last four, the confidence grows, and the community is also responding. With 2,800 fans coming to cheer them against Iona, including many faculty members and members of the outside community, who joined with students to watch the Hounds beat the Gaels.

People are excited about a 6-18 team. You don't hear Arizona Cardinals fans saying, "Man, we are 3-13. We are going to stick it to St. Louis next year; the NFC West is ours." But around here there are high expectations for the waves Loyola can make, in this year's MAAC Tourney and next year.

Just think about it: Next year, with Maryland transfers Andre Collins and Hassan Fofana, a core of young talented players led by Freddie Stanback and Brad Farrell, and Patsos's new recruiting class. With that kind of talent they will easily break the .500 mark, and dare I say it, be a serious contender for the MAAC title.

Gosh, why am I going to go abroad when the basketball team is going to be nasty? Patsos has done something to this school. I don't know if he spiked the water with enthusiasm, but this program has gone from "conversation changer" to something to be proud of. This team is beating the tradition. With the confidence, talent and energy of the community, the only direction this team is heading is up. One-27 yesterday, 6-18 today, 18-6 tomorrow, 27-1 someday.



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Men's lacrosse looks to restore past glories

By **TERRY FOY**
SPORTS EDITOR

After losing only three contributing seniors from a 2004 squad that finished a disappointing 4-8 and outside of the NCAA tournament, this year's men's lacrosse team will bring a remarkably different look to Geppi-Aikens Field.

Loyola head coach Bill Dirrigl, who is starting his fourth year and the first of a multi-year contract extension, has done an excellent job of teaching the value of a well-rounded education to his players, challenging them in the classroom as well as on the field. He has also recruited talented players into the program, as evidenced by the contribution made by last year's top-ranked freshman class.

Dirrigl sees the changes as a necessary step in the road to returning Loyola's program to the national prominence it enjoyed at the end of the 1990s.

ATTACK

"Two years ago we made a lot of moves at the defensive end, putting Grant Halford and Matt Dupuis at close defense, because of the talented middies we had coming in," Dirrigl said. "This year, we decided that we needed to have them all on the field all of the time."

Sophomore Greg Leonard, a 6-foot-3 230-pound lefty, will headline the shake up with his move from the midfield to attack as he brings back eight goals and two assists. With the move to attack, Leonard will be able to showcase his ability to drive strong to the cage and finish with an accurate shot.

"Greg is going to be on the field at all times," Dirrigl said. "He's a balley-hooved recruit and someone we're hoping can be a



FILE PHOTO

Junior goaltender Michael Fretwell makes a big save during a game last season.

cornerstone in our program."

Pat Kennedy, another member of the sophomore middle class making the switch to attack, will line up on the right side. Possessing one of the hardest shots on the team, Kennedy has enough speed to carry the ball and a big enough frame to play inside.

Preseason All-ECAC attackman Matt Monfett is likely to fill the third spot, although he will also play some midfield as well. A transfer from Duke at the start of last season, Monfett is Loyola's leading returning scorer with 14 goals and nine

assists in 2004. In addition to his production, Monfett provides the Hounds with a vocal leader at the offensive end.

Freshman Shane Koppens and senior Pat Shek will round out the offensive rotation. Koppens is a creative dodger with a nose for the goal and a high school resume that boasts over 300 career points. Shek has improved his game considerably coming into the season and will help the Greyhounds as another one of the senior leaders that Dirrigl's team can turn to.

MIDFIELD

With last year's talented freshmen one year older, the offensive midfield should be the Hounds' long suit in 2005. Sophomores Andrew Spack, Jordan Rabidou and Joe Landry will likely set the tone for the first line.

Spack, who was an excellent face-off middle in 2004, has the speed, hustle and offensive savvy to put him among the nation's best.

Rabidou brings a similar intensity and his ability to drive to the cage should light up scoreboards. Landry is fast and tall, and with his left-handed shot, poses a matchup problem for most opposing defenses.

Senior Craig Georgalas is a midfielder who has been a staple in Loyola's lineup for the past two seasons and is an excellent fundamental player. Corey Coffman is another sophomore whose athleticism allows him to run around and past opposing defenses, and his ability to score has impressed in the spring. Paul Richards rounds out the second line as a talented freshman who can have an impact early.

With sophomore Dan Bauers moving from the attack to the midfield, the Hounds pick up another lefty scorer. Sophomore Matt Cassalia will again take many of the draws at faceoff, and Monfett will round out the third line.

"We have nine guys that can play, and we can interchange at the midfield and we can keep our best players on the field," Dirrigl said.

DEFENSE

Filling the void left by Bernie Cannon, a defenseman who graduated after starting every game last year and providing the Hounds with consistent physical play, will be no small task.

Senior captain Grant Halford will be a mainstay in the back after starting every game in 2004 despite moving from midfield. Halford, who is a tad undersized at 5-foot-11, 200 pounds, is a strong defender who communicates well.

Fellow seniors David Shortt and Matt Dupuis should also flank Halford in 2005. Dupuis is an excellent individual defender who sees the field and slides well, while Shortt brings a load of experience with him to the field. Junior Geoff Hunter will round out the defensive rotation.

Junior Michael Graham, who was slated to start at the onset of the season, suffered chipped bones in his ankle and will be redshirted this season. Graham's loss hurts the Hounds, who hoped to run a liberal substitution scheme at the defensive end, because he was one of Loyola's more physical defenders.

"Michael was our most talented defender," Dirrigl said. "[His loss] will hurt us, but we have a lot of defense and a lot of seniors there."

At the defensive midfield, Sophomore Steven Hess will handle the duties at long-stick middle while sophomore Tony Ferreira and senior Mike Alfano will take the short-stick middle positions.

GOAL

Plagued last season by inconsistency in the goal, Loyola will look to junior Michael Fretwell to step up and take charge in the net. Fretwell assumed the starting role before the Syracuse game, and went on to save 53.6 percent over the course of the season.

At 6-foot-2 and 210 pounds, Fretwell is a big goalie who has developed well over the off-season and has looked good in the spring.

"I think one of the biggest things with our whole team as well as in goal is that at Loyola expectations are very high," Dirrigl said. "With that being said, the program has worked very hard to become one of the elite programs in the nation. What we have to realize is that it's good to be the best player on Loyola's team, but they have the responsibility to become one of the elite players throughout the country."

Backing up Fretwell will be junior Trae Rodgers, who missed much of last year with a hand injury. He is a technically-skilled keeper who suffers from a lack of size.

Freshman Connor Locke, another heralded recruit from Virginia, will likely redshirt but could be called upon to play if necessary.

SCHEDULE

The Hounds open up this week against Towson on Geppi-Aikens Field, a rematch of last year's season opener that the Greyhound men took 14-9. If Dirrigl's squad hopes for a repeat performance this year, they'll have to call upon a fine defensive effort to contain attackmen Jon Engelke and Bobby Griebel, while trying to get past four-year starting goalie Reed Sothoron, who is on the preseason Tewaaraton watch list.

Though the Hounds annually play one of the nation's toughest schedules, the final seven games of 2005 will be especially challenging as six of the teams earned bids in the NCAA Tournament, including Syracuse and Johns Hopkins.

"We're very talented, but the biggest challenge is who wants the leadership role, who accepts the leadership role, and who wants the ball at the end of the game," Dirrigl said. "And I'm not sure we've established that just yet, but I think we're getting a lot closer."

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SPRING SCHEDULE

February 26th	Towson
March 5th	at Penn State
March 8th	Marist
March 12th	at Duke
March 15th	Wagner
March 19th	St. John's
March 26th	UMass
April 2nd	at Rutgers
April 9th	Syracuse
April 16th	at Georgetown
April 19th	UMBC
April 23rd	at Pennsylvania
April 30th	Hobart
May 7th	at Johns Hopkins

Women's lacrosse looks to redeem themselves in '05

By MIKE TIRONE
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Goals are what win lacrosse games, and the Greyhounds should be very familiar with this concept as they come into this season with their top four scorers returning from a 2004 team that averaged nearly 12 goals per game.

Unfortunately, this aspect of their game was not in play in last year's opening round NCAA Tournament loss to Vanderbilt. The two teams went to the locker room with the Hounds leading 1-0, setting a tournament record for fewest goals in a half, but Loyola was unable to hold off the Commodores in the second half.

The pain of that disappointing loss will fuel the women this season and with such a hot offense behind them, that combination is a definite way of setting the cages ablaze.

ATTACK

Leading the way upfront for the Greyhounds will be the strong attacking force of junior All-American Sydney Greene and senior second team All-American and captain Rachel Shuck.

Greene, who in 2004 led the women with 43 goals and dished out 13 assists, is a defender's nightmare match-up, with her quick first step and ability to drive hard to the cage and finish.

Shuck, also a Tewaaraton nominee, will be a valuable leader for the attacking team. This second-year captain has a knack for finding the open player (34 assists in 2004) and her talent to finish with the ball (17 goals) shows why this outstanding player will have a large impact on the team's success. As the quarterback for the Hounds' offense last season, she showed great experience and poise for a dangerous feeder and finisher.

"Shuck brings great leadership to our team, especially our attacking end," said Loyola head coach Kerri O'Day, who will be starting her second season after taking over for the legendary head coach Diane Geppi-Aikens.

"With Shuck and Greene up front and dropping back to midfield, we will be a threat on the offensive side," O'Day said.

Also on the attacking end of things will be senior captain Talia Shacklock and senior Stephanie Walker, who combined for 64 goals last season. This duo of tall, athletic midfielders rely on their speed to be aggressive towards the cage. When the Hounds are in need for a spark, they will likely look to those players.

Sophomore Kate McHarg, who earned a reputation for stepping up in big games, will look to keep pace with the rest of the offensive output. A member of the Australian national team, McHarg led the Hounds in draw controls last season.

Along with Shacklock and Walker, their experience and intelligence are players that anyone will be confident with. These three are keen and crafty, while still knowing where they belong on the field to find themselves in a position to score when they get open around the cage.

"We have to play together as a team, and I have confidence in all of my players and that they know what to do in the right situation," O'Day said, when asked who would be the Hounds' go-to player in 2005.

MIDFIELD

While the combination of Shuck and Shacklock, will be the offensive contributors from the midfield, there also will be the defensively-minded Hannan sisters, Liz and Sarah. These two are great matchup defenders who see the field well. With such



FILE PHOTO

Senior Captain Talia Shacklock looks upfield for an open teammate.

exceptional field vision, they have the ability to pick out a good possession and start a strong transition towards the goal.

"My philosophy with the midfield is: the possession or fast break starts at our defensive end, our reaction time needs to be quick in order to start our transition," O'Day said. "We certainly want to score goals in transition. That will be a component with us."

A key to converting these transition attacks will be senior Katie Guarino. An all-around player who is able to step up-field and score when needed, Guarino can drop back and be a matchup expert, a strong midfielder and can control the tempo for the Hounds.

"We want to control the game, whether we are at the defensive end or not," O'Day said. "We are going to control the tempo making our opponent attack when they are not as comfortable."

Four seniors will transition between defense and midfield for the Hounds this spring, filling out the back line with even more speed and talent that will be conducive to Loyola's up-tempo style of play.

With the graduation of Kourtney Porcella, a force on groundballs and take aways, the Hounds will rely on senior Erin Cyphers to step up. Another senior with loads of experience, Cyphers is an all-around player that will bring even more speed to the midfield.

"We graduated four starters, so we are looking to fill those spots," O'Day said. "A lot of players have matured since last year and are excited about stepping up. It is their turn now."

DEFENSE

Last season's defense was glued together by Greyhound MVP Tara Singleton and Loyola has the formidable task of filling the void left by the All-American's graduation. Singleton has taken on the role of student assistant coach.

Assuming Singleton's role in 2005 are junior defenders Kristen McKay and Laura Carper. Singleton's successors won't need a lesson in experience though, as both have seen significant playing time in each of their first two seasons.

Carper is a starter who has ability to speak up and settle the team down, while McKay is an experienced defender with 18 ground balls and seven draw controls. These two will be key factors of holding up Loyola's 8.17 goals against average from 2004.

GOALTENDING

Another major factor contributing to the impressive goals against average is Loyola's unique goaltending situation. On a team full of strong duos, the strongest tandem is between the pipes. Senior captain Kim Lawton and junior Cindy Nicolaus are the mainstays on this strong defense, as both share a significant role in controlling the cage, with Lawton usually playing the first

30 minutes before Nicolaus comes on in relief at the half and finishes out games.

This system has been questioned while under O'Day, but the numbers don't lie: Loyola has posted a 31-6 record over the last two seasons while allowing only an 8.17 goals against average.

The situation won't change "until one beats the other one out or the other is too good for the other one to sit," O'Day said. "They are both progressing and both good for each other. There's no tension. Linda Ohrin, a two-time All American at Loyola as goalkeeper, has been helping out our goalies and making them much better."

They also have little difference in their statistics. Though Nicolaus' 9.11 goals against average is nearly two goals higher than Lawton's, she stopped 20 more shots than Lawton, saving 58.6 percent. With a quick but young defense, the consistency that the rotation provides is an important source of confidence for the Hounds and their coaching staff.

"I am very pleased with both of my

goalkeepers, and our rotation has worked in the past and I expect that they will continue to challenge each other in the future as well as our opponents," O'Day said, highlighting the benefits of keeping her goalies sharp as the possibility of lost playing time is always present.

Though Loyola went on to drop their opening round game of last year's NCAA tournament, 5-4 to Vanderbilt, 2003's Final Four birth as well as perennial top-five finishes have established the Greyhounds as a nationally respected program that approaches each season with the goal and opportunity to win the national championship.

SCHEDULE

The components for success are there for the Hounds, but just as every prior season, the schedule boasts powerhouse teams anxious to knock off Loyola. Princeton, Virginia, Maryland, Duke, Syracuse and a myriad of others dot Loyola's schedule in their last season as an independent. Beginning in the 2006 season, Loyola will join the Big East conference and add Notre Dame, Georgetown and Connecticut to an already impressive schedule.

"We've had a hard schedule every single year, and I think that to be the best you have to beat the best," O'Day said. "We face strong opponents throughout the season."

With an extremely talented and experienced senior-laden team, a second year-coach and a tough but favorable schedule that includes a number of tests to prepare them for tournament play, the Hounds have the ingredients necessary to regain their customary Final Four form that managed to elude them in 2004.

Women's Lacrosse SPRING SCHEDULE

March 1st	UMBC
March 4th	North Carolina
March 6th	Hofstra
March 10th	at Delaware
March 13th	at Princeton
March 19th	at Boston University
March 25th	at James Madison
March 30th	George Mason
April 2nd	Penn State
April 9th	at Syracuse
April 16th	at Duke
April 20th	Penn
April 23rd	Stanford
April 26th	at Towson
May 3rd	Virginia
May 7th	at Maryland

Senior leadership will help Hounds win games

BY MIKE TIRONE
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

As the 2005 season begins to rev up, a look at Loyola's roster shows only eight seniors. These are no ordinary seniors, however, but the oldest Greyhounds that have been tried and true through many challenges along the way.

The Hounds are led by their three captains Talia Shacklock, Rachel Shuck and Kim Lawton. The trio has not only been playing together for the past four years, but they have been growing together, through the multiple tests they have passed over the years.

"Somehow we always end up as the underdog," said second-year captain and attacking specialist Rachel Shuck.

Shuck has been a backbone to Loyola's program, being an excellent leader on the field with her awareness and composure. Going hand in hand with her mentality comes her pure skill and talent to score and make her teammates better.

Underdogs or not, this year's team is going to be solid group... correction, family. They are together all the time, especially Shuck, Shacklock and Lawton. Coming into freshman year, Shuck and Lawton were roommates, as they still are. That's more than just being close teammates.

"We are close-knit and like a family," said Shacklock, a midfielder and offense threat. "We all know and love each other and a lot of that is because of coach Diane Geppi-Aikens."

Geppi-Aikens coached the Loyola

women's lacrosse team and took them to a higher pedestal in the lacrosse world during the 20 years she coached here. In 2001, she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Despite her ongoing battle, Geppi-Aikens continued to the coach the Greyhounds through a very emotional 2003 season in which she directed the women to a Final Four berth before they fell to Princeton in the semifinals.

On June 29, 2003, Geppi-Aikens lost her battle against cancer, but her memory still lives today on campus, especially in the women's lacrosse locker room.

"Before each game we say a special prayer and touch a sign with No. 20 on it in memory of Diane," Shuck said.

"Diane taught me to never give up, on the field and off," said Lawton, a senior goalkeeper for the Hounds. "She showed us that anything you want to do, you can do it if you work hard for it."

Lawton knows all about working hard on the turf in her career. She and junior Cindy Nicolaus have been rotating in and out of goal keeping the past two years. Lawton has worked hard throughout her career in this role to get where she is now. Last year she led the country in save percentage at .596 and was second in the nation in goals against average at 7.22.

Along with these impressive numbers are her strong leadership qualities. While being the quarterback of her squad from between the pipes, she has the ability to calm her players down and get settled.

Leaders like Shuck, Shacklock and Lawton are what a team needs in big games to step up and perform. The Hounds are very familiar with significant games in their

career, and no matter what people and critics say, they still have the capability to live up to the challenge and capitalize.

The 2003 season for the Hounds was full of proving people wrong. Whether it was defeating top-ranked Princeton in overtime or making the Final Four when critics thought that they wouldn't have a strong season, these three have exceeded time and time again.

"I will never forget the Final Four in Syracuse," Shuck said. "And to see the smile on her face while we were warming up was unforgettable."

The 2004 season was proof that this team can rebound after the loss of Geppi-Aikens. They posted a 14-4 record after another "predicted" bad season and earned the fourth seed in the NCAA Tournament with hopes of making a title run.

Unfortunately Vanderbilt stood in their way of that goal ahead, defeating the Hounds 5-4, knocking them out of the tournament and serving them another taste of disappointment.

"You don't ever want that feeling again," Lawton said.

"It's pure motivation when you know you should have come out on top but didn't," Shuck said.

The Hounds plan on coming back from their first round loss and showing their true colors.

This trio of talent knows what its like to be faced with tough times, and once again they will shine through it with their first game of the season coming up on March 1, against UMBC -- prepared and excited for another successful season.



FILE PHOTO

Senior Kim Lawton, who will be returning to her spot between the pipes this year, is one of the top college goaltenders in the nation.

Class of 2008 brings promise to men's lacrosse Top 10 recruiting class will be asked to provide support and spark this season

BY TERRY FOY
SPORTS EDITOR

As has become a new tradition for Loyola's lacrosse program and head coach Bill Dirrigl, the Hounds have a new recruiting class to celebrate, one that was a consensus top 10, according to lacrosse experts and pundits. While the appeal of Loyola may appear murky in the wake of three seasons without an NCAA tournament appearance, Dirrigl and company continue to bring in some of the nation's most sought-after talent.

On the heels of a class that sported names like Spack, Leonard, Coffman, Rabidou and others, many expected the recruiting trail to cool down for Dirrigl. Such was not the case however, as players like Shane Koppens and Paul Richards made the decision to sign on the dotted line.

"We have another top-10 recruiting class, and that's a positive, but luckily those kids won't have to carry the load as much as last year," Dirrigl said.

Koppens, a 5-foot-10, 175-pound attackman from Clifton Park, N.Y., was Albany's Player of the Year. He brings Loyola a much-needed goal-scorer, and racking up over 350 points in high school proves that he can produce. His skill with the ball make him more Allen Iverson than Michael Powell as he can create dodges in

mid-stride and put the ball nearly anywhere he wants.

"The atmosphere of the campus made you really feel like you belong, and it was a great place to play lacrosse," Koppens said. "I'm so glad I made the choice."

Richards is the latest in a long line of talented midfielders that Dirrigl has targeted out of high school. At 5-foot-8, 165, he may not have the size of his teammates, but in spring practices and games he has shown an ability not only to work out groundballs but make flashy plays as well.

"The academic environment, the fact that coach Dirrigl doesn't just bring in good lacrosse players but good people -- it all made me want to come here," Richards said. "It's all more than I expected."

Though Koppens and Richards will see the field more than their classmates at season's start, this class of 11 players is far from being top-heavy.

Competing for time at the defensive end will be Eddie Graham, the younger brother of Loyola defenseman Michael Graham. With an injury sidelining the older Graham for the season, the freshman from LaSalle High School in Pennsylvania will find more time both at close defense and long stick.

"My older brother is the biggest reason I came here," Graham said. "But now that

I'm here, I'm just excited to play and try to get better."

Connor Locke, a 5-foot-7, 170-pound goalie, comes from St. Stephen/St. Agnes in northern Virginia and has stood out against some of the nation's best competition. Playing behind a pair of redshirt juniors, however, Locke will likely redshirt himself and preserve his eligibility.

The recruiting trail proved to be a little longer this year, as Loyola coaches traveled to Scottsdale, Ariz., in order to bring in midfielder Evan McAbee. McAbee, who won a pair of state championships and was named an academic All-American in high school, will work to find his spot in Loyola's

offense.

Addressing the need for depth on defense, Loyola brings in Matt Curran, Todd Osterman and Brian Gormley. Curran, who spent a year at the Naval Academy Prep after high school, brings a strong physical style to the field. Osterman, who played at Landon, may also see time at long-stick middle. Drew Geiger and Brian Cullinane will also help to provide more depth at the midfield.

"These kids come here to win the national championship, but now they have to accept the responsibility not just to be recruited by Syracuse and Hopkins and Virginia, but to be that type of player and then beat those

NEXT GAME



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Freshman midfielder Paul Richards was one of the biggest additions to Loyola's roster for the 2005 season. He highlights a talented class ranked by most experts in the top 10.

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